School of Social Sciences course summary

Semester 1, 2016

SRAP5104 Research Project

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Summary of the course

Credit points: 6 UOC
This course provides students with the opportunity to complete an individual research project. As a research course it is designed to allow students to apply the knowledge they have gained throughout their period of study and, if completed successfully, to improve their prospects of acceptance into research degree programs at UNSW and other universities. Students will complete a number of formative tasks, building up to the submission of a single research report (12,000 words in total) detailing the design, conduct and findings of their research.

This research course offers a pathway to higher degree by research and in combination with the research training prerequisites it satisfies the research requirements for the award of a Master’s degree.

Important information:
This course has been designed to facilitate independent research conducted with the support of an academic supervisor and a peer learning group. The assessment regime has been scaffolded in order to facilitate the design, development and production of the final 15,000 word research report.

Course learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course you should be able to:
1. Design, develop and report on research activities and questions, showing awareness of research ethics and selecting appropriate research methods related to their research topics.
2. Critically engage with current scholarship in their field of study to inform research and contribute to knowledge in their given field.
3. Demonstrate resourcefulness, creativity and flexibility in the application of knowledge and skills to solve problems related to research.

Assessment

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<td>In-class presentation</td>
<td>10 minutes</td>
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<td>Friday 22 April</td>
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<td>Final research report</td>
<td>15,000 words</td>
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For the purpose of attendance monitoring, the final assessment for this course is a Research Report worth 65% of your overall grade for this course. This is the assessment item that will be graded at zero if you do not meet the attendance requirement for this course (see https://socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/).

The full course outline will be available in Moodle in Orientation (O) Week, from Monday 22 February 2016.