

Course Outline (Higher Education)

School: Federation Business School

Course Title: THESIS IA

Course ID: BUHON4020

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): Nil

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): (BUHON4010)

ASCED Code: 10103

Description of the Course :

This course is assessed in conjunction with BUHON4021, BUHON4022 and BUHON4023. Jointly, these four courses require the student to research and produce a thesis of around 20,000 words under supervision on a topic that has been negotiated with the supervisor/s and approved by the Honours Program Coordinator. The thesis must demonstrate appropriate advanced analytical and research skills.

Grade Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, etc.)

Placement Component: No

Program Level:

AQF Level of Program						
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level						
Introductory	■	■	■	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	■	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	✓	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Determine the process of independent research
- K2.** Understand the place of theory in research
- K3.** Describe and evaluate current methods of relevance to the research question for collecting and analysing data
- K4.** Identify an appropriate sampling strategy and method of data analysis
- K5.** Provide an understanding of the ethical conduct of research

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Skills:

- S1.** Construct a research question in the context of current literature in the research area
- S2.** Collect, analyse and interpret data
- S3.** Design and carry out data collection methods that incorporate a suitable sampling strategy
- S4.** Write and edit at Honours standard
- S5.** Critically evaluate research material
- S6.** Interpret and report on the analysis of primary and/or secondary data

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Undertake independent research through the collection, analysis, and writing up findings
- A2.** Evaluate and critique relevant literature and identify how research findings contribute to knowledge and practice through the writing and editing of a thesis.

Course Content:

The course is based on an individual research thesis undertaken under the guidance of a research supervisor(s). The course is taken and assessed in conjunction with BUHON4011 (Thesis II).

Graduate Attributes:

FedUni graduate attributes statement. To have graduates with knowledge, skills and competence that enable them to stand out as critical, creative and enquiring learners who are capable, flexible and work ready, and responsible, ethical and engaged citizens.

Attribute	Brief Description	Focus
Knowledge, skills and competence	The course is designed to develop students into research apprentices and prepares students for either professional work in a relevant field or serves as a research pathway for further learning.	High
Critical, creative and enquiring learners	Independently collect and analyse primary and/or secondary data.	High
Capable, flexible and work ready	Students will feel confident to engage in constructive discussion on matters relating to the research topic.	Low
Responsible, ethical and engaged citizens	Students will understand and be able to implement ethical decision-making and understand the impact research findings will have on the community.	Low

Learning Task and Assessment:

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Learning Outcomes Assessed	Learning Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1-K5, S1-S6, A1-A2	Design of an original scientific investigation, which includes the collection, analysis and interpretation of data in the context of research in the same discipline.	Thesis (approximately 20,000 words)	100%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA