

SUPERVISED PROJECT (A)

This unit provides students with an overview of the major research methods used in both applied (workplace) and academic environments. Over the course of the unit, students will be introduced to the different types of research and will put their learning into practice by writing a literature review and developing a research proposal (or a proposal for a dissertation and a workplace portfolio) on an agreed topic of current relevance. Students are encouraged to think broadly when selecting a topic. The only requirements are that (i) the topic is relevant to the student's discipline, (ii) there is a suitable instructor to supervise it, (iii) the topic is of sufficient interest and depth to justify the research, and (iv) there is sufficient research potential (previous publications, opportunity for original empirical research, capacity to interview informed sources, etc.) to enable the research to be completed to a high standard. Consequently, the proposed research may be empirical, conceptual, or legal in nature. Likewise, it may be in the form of an exegesis (where students analyse or interpret existing work on a topic) or may pursue an original research question. Topics covered in this unit include the importance of theory, research methods and methodologies, and the need to identify a concise research problem or hypothesis. Students will become familiar with the major types of research, including legal, conceptual, and empirical (quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods). This unit will be useful for all students, whether they are about to enter the workforce or are preparing to continue their studies further. Upon successful completion of R500 Supervised Project (A), students may be eligible to enrol in either Supervised Project (B) or Supervised Project (C). Students will either (i) complete a dissertation on the subject of their research proposals, or (ii) complete a shorter dissertation along with a professional portfolio (e.g., a series of newspaper articles, magazine profiles, or video news segments).

UNIT FEATURES

Unit Code: OR500

12 Seminars

36 Hours Duration

Intermediate Skill Level

100% Online; Study Abroad

English Language

Optional Assessments

Restricted Enrolment Prerequisites

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this unit students will be able to:

- 1** Critically evaluate existing research relevant to their field of study.
- 2** Explain the different types of research (legal, conceptual, empirical) and identify when each is appropriate.
- 3** Formulate a concise research problem or hypothesis that is suitable for advanced research.
- 4** Develop a research proposal for a dissertation or a dissertation plus professional portfolio, along with a sound methodology.

CERTIFICATION

The optional assessment tasks associated with this unit provide an opportunity for participants to consolidate their learning and to benchmark their understanding against the standard set by Chancellor Institute. Participants enrolled in this unit who successfully complete the optional assessments will qualify for a grade, academic transcript and certificate of completion for that unit.

For further details about the assessments, please click on the Curriculum tab or contact our course advisors.

Additional unit fees apply for students electing to undertake assessments. Participants who elect not to complete the optional assessments for this unit will receive a certificate of participation for the unit.

TOPICS

- The Role of Research in both applied (workplace) and academic environments
- Developing Research Problems and Hypotheses
- Methods, Methodologies & Theory
- Conceptual and Legal Research
- Quantitative Research and Data Analysis
- Validity and Reliability of Measurement
- Qualitative Research
- Research Design
- Writing a Research Proposal
- Assignment Discussion and Q&A
- Viva Voce - students present to class (including Q&A)
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ASSESSMENTS (OPTIONAL)

No.	Type	Week Due	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
1a	Research problem and annotated bibliography	6	10%
1b	Literature Review	8	30%
2	Viva Voce	11-12	20%
3	Research Proposal	12	40%

UNIT FEES

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