# FOAR7002

# Research Frontiers

Full year 1, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

*Arts Faculty level units*

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# General Information

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Credit points
20

Prerequisites
Admission to BPhil/MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Research Frontiers 1 will expose Bachelor of Philosophy students to the range of topics that
are currently dominating their chosen disciplines and the Humanities and Social Sciences
more broadly, as well as equip them with the skills to critically appraise the research trends
defining research in their area of study. Students will acquire disciplinary knowledge at a high
level and learn how research is carried out in the disciplinary area of their choice so that by
the end of the course they can demonstrate competence in articulating and applying key
research skills in their field.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are
available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

# Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

> **ULO1:** Explain the relevant research questions and approaches to research in their
> chosen discipline area.
>
> **ULO2:** Apply a high level of oral, written and technological communication skills in the
> preparation of a portfolio documenting their learning.
>
> **ULO3:** Use well developed judgement to responsibly ask research questions.
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> **ULO4:** Provide evidence of the ability to be an independent learner.

# Assessment Tasks

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult iLearn for revised unit information.

Find out more about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and potential impacts on staff and students

# General Assessment Information

More detailed information on the assessment tasks is available on ilearn.

# Delivery and Resources

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

This unit is divided in two larger components. One component comprises attendance at 2 Introductory sessions (weeks 1 and 3 of semester 1) run by the Faculty, Department Research Seminars (12 across the entire year) and Departmental Workshops (4 in total) the second component aims to provide students with flexibility to tailor a program that suits their own needs. Each Department, in close collaboration with the Faculty, has developed a set of activities aims to increase each student's knowledge of their topic/s of interest as well as enhance student research skills.

In addition to research seminars and workshops, students options include auditing undergraduate and postgraduate units relevant to their research interests, participate in a reading group, join a research group, and/or attend a range of HDR Learning Skills workshops or Library workshops. Students will have a level of flexibility to develop program that suits their own research needs and maintain a log of their own as part of a transition from being an undergraduate coursework student to becoming a postgraduate researcher.

# Unit Schedule

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FOAR7000 is a year long unit. Students will attend 2 introductory lectures (1.5 hrs each) research seminars (12 across the entire year) and workshops ( 4 in total) as advised by the Department in which they are enrolled. Students will also develop a program from a list of options that suit their own research needs.

Introductory Lectures: These two lectures will introduce students to the unit and to the e-portfolio.

Week 1- Monday, 24 February, 10-11:30 am (Australian Hearing Hub, Lecture Theatre, Level 1)

Week 3- Monday, 9 March, 10-11:30 am (Incubator, 8 Hadenfield Avenue)

Research Seminars x 12: See ilearn and Departmental MRes Directors for precise details

Departmental Workshops: See ilearn and Departmental MRes Directors for precise details

Other Activities: See ilearn and Departmental MRes Directors for precise details

# Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.m q.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-centr al). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy *(**Note:** The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)*

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.m q.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (http s://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/p olicy-central).

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct

## Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released

directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

### Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Changes since First Published

| Date | Description |
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| 22/01/2020 | a few typos were spotted. |

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| 22/01/2020 | trying to get this withdrawn |