MEDI7000
Research Communications
Session 2, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2021
Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Faculty level units

Contents

General Information ........................................ 2
Learning Outcomes ........................................ 2
General Assessment Information ......................... 3
Assessment Tasks ........................................... 4
Delivery and Resources .................................... 6
Policies and Procedures .................................... 6

Disclaimer
Macquarie University has taken all reasonable measures to ensure the information in this publication is accurate and up-to-date. However, the information may change or become out-dated as a result of change in University policies, procedures or rules. The University reserves the right to make changes to any information in this publication without notice. Users of this publication are advised to check the website version of this publication [or the relevant faculty or department] before acting on any information in this publication.

Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update
The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/136164/unit_guide/print
General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff
Jennifer Rowland
jen.rowland@mq.edu.au

Adele Thomas
adele.thomas@mq.edu.au

Lecturer
Mary Simons
mary.simons@mq.edu.au

Lecturer
Jeremy Cullis
jeremy.cullis@mq.edu.au

Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit aims to equip you with skills to communicate academic research effectively, and with a heightened appreciation of the relationship between research communications and disciplinary knowledge creation. You will analyse, critique and practise academic communication conventions from different research genres in a variety of modes (written, oral and visual), across disciplines. You will develop communication skills to present a clear and coherent exposition of research concepts to a variety of audiences.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

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

ULO1: Demonstrate a range of communication styles required as an active academic
research professional

**ULO2**: Effectively utilise written, oral, and visual communications to disseminate research.

**ULO3**: Explain the structure and style of various types of research communications.

**ULO4**: Identify different approaches taken to present your data and communicate your research.

**General Assessment Information**

Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading are contained in Schedule 1 of the Macquarie University Assessment Policy, which is available at: [https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/assessment](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/assessment).

Further details for each assessment task will be available on iLearn.

All final grades in the Masters of Research are determined by a grading committee and are not the sole responsibility of the Unit Convenor.

Students will be awarded a final grade plus a Standardised Numerical Grade (SNG). The SNG is not necessarily a summation of the individual assessment components. The final grade and SNG that are awarded reflect the corresponding grade descriptor in the Grading Policy.

To pass this unit, students must demonstrate sufficient evidence of achievement of the learning outcomes, attempt all assessment tasks, meet any ungraded requirements including professionalism and achieve an SNG of 50 or better.

**Student Professionalism**

In the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, professionalism is a key capability embedded in all our courses. As part of developing professionalism, students are expected to attend all small group interactive sessions including tutorials, as well as clinical- and laboratory-based practical sessions.

Furthermore, lectures and seminars are key learning activities that you are expected to attend throughout completion of the Masters of Research. While audio recordings and lecture slides may be made available following these large group sessions, it is important to recognise that such resources are a study aid and should not be considered an alternative to lecture or seminar attendance.

Students are required to attend a minimum of 80% of all small group interactive sessions. Students that do not meet this requirement may be deemed unable to meet expectations regarding professionalism and may be referred for disciplinary action (which may include exclusion from assessments and unit failure).

Similarly, as part of developing professionalism, students are expected to submit all work by the due date. Applications for assessment task extensions must be supported by appropriate evidence and submitted via [www.ask.mq.edu.au](http://www.ask.mq.edu.au). For further details please refer to the Special Consideration Policy available at [https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-con](https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-con).
Late Submission

All assignments that are officially received after the due date, and where no extension or special consideration has been granted, will incur a deduction of 5% per day, including weekends and public holidays and the actual day received. This will continue up until 10 days after due date, after which the assignment if submitted will be awarded a mark of zero. For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Due date</th>
<th>Received</th>
<th>Days late</th>
<th>Deduction</th>
<th>Raw mark</th>
<th>Final mark</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday 14th</td>
<td>Monday 17th</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>60%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Assessment Tasks

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Hurdle</th>
<th>Due</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Research Pitch</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Week 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oral Presentation critical review and practice</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Week 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comparative analysis of journal articles</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Week 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol for Systematic Review</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Week 13</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Research Pitch

Assessment Type: Essay
Indicative Time on Task: 10 hours
Due: Week 3
Weighting: 25%

Written lay presentation of a research project.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Effectively utilise written, oral, and visual communications to disseminate research.
- Explain the structure and style of various types of research communications.
- Identify different approaches taken to present your data and communicate your research.

Oral Presentation critical review and practice

Assessment Type: Presentation
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Week 6
Weighting: 45%
Review different oral presentations, compare and contrast their style/effectiveness. Present research in short talk or recorded presentation (online version of unit).

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Effectively utilise written, oral, and visual communications to disseminate research.
- Explain the structure and style of various types of research communications.
- Identify different approaches taken to present your data and communicate your research.

**Comparative analysis of journal articles**

Assessment Type 1: Practice-based task  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours  
Due: Week 9  
Weighting: 15%

Comparative analysis of journal article style and structure. Creation of style sheet.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate a range of communication styles required as an active academic research professional  
- Effectively utilise written, oral, and visual communications to disseminate research.

**Protocol for Systematic Review**

Assessment Type 1: Report  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours  
Due: Week 13  
Weighting: 15%

Students will follow steps of systematic review preparation and reporting in order to prepare a protocol for a systematic review using the PRISMA-P Elaboration and Explanation Document.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate a range of communication styles required as an active academic research professional  
- Effectively utilise written, oral, and visual communications to disseminate research.  
- Explain the structure and style of various types of research communications.  
- Identify different approaches taken to present your data and communicate your research.

---

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this
type of assessment

- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

**Delivery and Resources**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

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

This is an on campus offering of MEDI7000 Research Communications. Students require access to computer technology sufficient to regularly access the Faculty MEDI7000 iLearn webpage via the internet. Some assessments will require video/audio capture technology.

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). 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.mq.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](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-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/admin/other-resources/student-conduct](https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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 Enquiry Service

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

Equity 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.

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.