



FOHS701

Research Communication in the Human Sciences

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is designed to prepare students for the communication demands of entering into a research-intensive degree. Becoming a researcher involves developing the necessary communication skills. Researchers need to be able to clearly articulate research questions and findings in a scholarly fashion. They need to be able to read and critique relevant research. They need to be able to set out a clear written research proposal, in which they articulate key research questions, connections to relevant literature, appropriate methods and/or techniques, and the significance of the research. In addition, researchers are increasingly expected to communicate important ideas from their research and their discipline to non-expert audiences, and across disciplines. This unit will cover these key communication skills of the research context. As effective communication relies on responsible communication, this unit will also pay close attention to the ethical issues that can emerge from the research encounter, and through this deepen student appreciation of research integrity and responsibility.

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:

Communicate research questions, key ideas, methods and findings, both orally and in writing, according to the academic requirements of the discipline

Design and produce a written research project proposal supported by appropriate literature and following discipline conventions

Communicate to a non-specialist audience research questions, concepts and findings in the candidate's home discipline

Describe the risks associated with academic misconduct and determine appropriate responses

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Expression of Interest Form	10%	No	Week 3
Journal article critique	20%	No	Week 6
Grant Proposal	50%	No	Week 11
Oral presentation	20%	No	Week 12 or 13

Expression of Interest Form

Due: **Week 3**

Weighting: **10%**

Students will write, in no more than 120 words of plain English, a summary of the aims and the significance of a project they propose to write for their grant proposal assessment. This assessment aims to start the student thinking about their research interests and what type of study they would like to conduct if given the opportunity. The study can be based on their MRes Year 2 project, or an alternative study of interest. The EOI does not have to match the final proposal for the grant proposal task (workshops in weeks 5 and 6).

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Journal article critique

Due: **Week 6**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will be required to review and critique a journal article (supplied) in their field of study. The critique should be no longer than 1000 words.

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Grant Proposal

Due: **Week 11**

Weighting: **50%**

Through workshops in weeks 5 and 6, students will learn how to write a grant proposal. The grant proposal will be no longer than 2000 words + a lay description of 120 words, due for submission in week 11.

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Oral presentation

Due: **Week 12 or 13**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will be required to upload a 15 minute oral presentation, communicating and critiquing a research paper of their choice.

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Delivery and Resources

This is an on-line unit, with all delivery and resources on ilearn. There will be some opportunity for students to come on campus for workshops if they are available.

The unit will have weekly resources made available and discussion board communications to enable understanding of each week's topics.

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) (<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.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/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) (<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/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 improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

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.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

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- Oral presentation

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

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