

Research Project Proposal

Introduction

- Complete the following and submit it to the Dean of Studies.
- The Board of Studies will determine if the proposal is viable and
- appoint a supervisor.
- Enrol using the usual semester enrolment form.
- Note: writing is very time consuming. Plan ahead and aim to work steadily on your project before you formally enter for it.

Unit/award

Award	Subject/credit points	Length	Purpose	Supervision & grading
MDiv research project (8 point)	all fields have 4cp and 8 cp options (8 cp is compulsory for MDiv) but 4 cp is possible for GradDip. Students may only do one per course	7000 for GradDip 8000 for MDiv	opportunity to explore aspects of research relevant to their major. May be academic or field-based research from one subject area or across several	program must be submitted to an appropriate moderator. Assessed by faculty but copy sent to moderator. The supervisor may examine the project if he/she has not read final draft
GDCS	IN 650 (4 cp)	5000	sustained in-depth research in the area of integration of their professional and life interests with aspects of Christian tradition.	supervised by faculty but adjunct may co-supervise. IN 650 assessed internally and moderated by appropriate moderator.
BMin/BTh Honours	16 cps	15,000	Writing in which an extended argument is sustained by evidence, and in which there is a demonstration of reading across a variety of viewpoints which are empathically reported.	Supervised by faculty but externally examined by an examiner appointed by the ACT Dean in consultation with the student and his/her supervisor.
BCS	4 cps Integrative Project	5,000	Opportunity to develop research and reporting skills	program must be submitted to an appropriate moderator.

			at an advanced standard relating your non-theological area of study to the Christian faith.	Assessed by faculty but copy sent to moderator. The supervisor may examine the project if he/she has not read final draft
Bmin/BTh/AssDeg	4 cps	5,000	Opportunity to develop research and reporting skills at an advanced standard exploring aspects of relevance to you major area of ministry preparation.	program must be submitted to an appropriate moderator. Assessed by faculty but copy sent to moderator. The supervisor may examine the project if he/she has not read final draft

Area of proposed project

eg theology, evangelism and missions, etc

(provisional) Title

The Project

- explain briefly your topic and basic aims (no more than 50 words)
- while the project is not a PhD thesis it should not be simply descriptive but should include critical reflection – see **marking criteria** in the [Link]Essay Guide[Essay Guide]

Justification for Project

- why do you want to do this project?
- how will it contribute to the other subjects you have done

(provisional) Outline of Project

- this need only be in summary point form; it will change shape as you do your research and writing

Bibliography

- this need only be a brief working bibliography in the proposal stage
- it should though indicate an awareness of the area and topic of study
- it must be set out correctly, with full bibliographical details

Method

- this will depend on the area of study and the topic. For example, in a history essay you might want to use some of the insights or typology of social theory, eg Weber's church-sect typology

Ethics clearance

- if your project deals with human subjects you must get ethics clearance
- this involves completing the ethics guidelines and submitting it to the Board of Studies

Supervision

- you and your supervisor are responsible for deciding how often you should meet, and your rate of progress
- the supervisor will submit a bi-monthly progress report to the board of studies