

## EDUC6026: Minor Thesis A

Callaghan

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## OVERVIEW

**Course Description** Provides the opportunity to undertake research in an area of interest to the student. The research may take the form of an empirical study, a review of the literature or another research format in discussion with the supervisor. Taken in conjunction with EDUC6027 Minor Thesis B.

**Assumed Knowledge** EDUC6048 Research Methodology (Generally assumed to be a concurrent enrolment)

### Contact Hours

#### Self-Directed Learning

Self-Directed

2 hour(s) per Week for Full Term

Equivalent to 2hrs per week face to face, to be negotiated with supervisor.

### Unit Weighting

10

### Workload

Students are required to spend on average 120-140 hours of effort (contact and non-contact) including assessments per 10 unit course.

# COURSE OUTLINE

# CONTACTS

**Course Coordinator**     **Callaghan**  
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Consultation: please email for appointment

**Teaching Staff**             Other teaching staff will be advised on the course Canvas site.

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# SYLLABUS

**Course Content**             Satisfactory completion of preparatory work for the production of a Minor Thesis to be examined in Minor Thesis B

**Course Learning Outcomes**     **On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:**  
1. To understand the process of research; and  
  
2. To undertake a research study.

**Course Materials**           **Other Resources:**  
- as detailed through consultation with supervisor

# ASSESSMENTS

This course has 1 assessment. Each assessment is described in more detail in the sections below.

	Assessment Name	Due Date	Involvement	Weighting	Learning Outcomes
1	Research Proposal	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Individual	100%	1, 2

**Late Submissions**             The mark for an assessment item submitted after the designated time on the due date, without an approved extension of time, will be reduced by 10% of the possible maximum mark for that assessment item for each day or part day that the assessment item is late. Note: this applies equally to week and weekend days.

## Assessment 1 - Research Proposal

**Assessment Type**             Thesis  
**Purpose**                             Understand the process of research and undertake a research study  
**Description**                     Prepare a research proposal that contains a literature review, research questions, method and an ethics application.  
**Weighting**                         100%  
**Length**                              5000  
**Due Date**  
**Submission Method**             Online  
Submit on-line to the supervisor  
**Assessment Criteria**             Completion of the research proposal to the satisfaction of the supervisor  
**Return Method**                     Online  
**Feedback Provided**             In Person - with supervisor.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Grading Scheme

This course is graded as follows:

Grade	Description
Ungraded Pass (UP)	There are no marks associated with this result and you have met the level requirements to pass the course.
Fail (FF)	Failure to satisfactorily achieve assessment objectives or compulsory course requirements. A fail grade may also be awarded following disciplinary action.

## Communication Methods

Communication methods used in this course include:

- Face to Face: Communication will be provided via face to face meetings or supervision. In addition e-mail or telephone communication is also available

## Course Evaluation

Each year feedback is sought from students and other stakeholders about the courses offered in the University for the purposes of identifying areas of excellence and potential improvement.

## Oral Interviews (Vivas)

As part of the evaluation process of any assessment item in this course an oral examination (viva) may be conducted. The purpose of the oral examination is to verify the authorship of the material submitted in response to the assessment task. The oral examination will be conducted in accordance with the principles set out in the [Oral Examination \(viva\) Procedure](#). In cases where the oral examination reveals the assessment item may not be the student's own work the case will be dealt with under the [Student Conduct Rule](#).

## Academic Misconduct

All students are required to meet the academic integrity standards of the University. These standards reinforce the importance of integrity and honesty in an academic environment. Academic Integrity policies apply to all students of the University in all modes of study and in all locations. For the Student Academic Integrity Policy, refer to <https://policies.newcastle.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=35>.

## Adverse Circumstances

The University acknowledges the right of students to seek consideration for the impact of allowable adverse circumstances that may affect their performance in assessment item(s). Applications for special consideration due to adverse circumstances will be made using the online Adverse Circumstances system where:

1. the assessment item is a major assessment item; or
2. the assessment item is a minor assessment item and the Course Co-ordinator has specified in the Course Outline that students may apply the online Adverse Circumstances system;
3. you are requesting a change of placement; or
4. the course has a compulsory attendance requirement.

Before applying you must refer to the Adverse Circumstance Affecting Assessment Items Procedure available at:

<https://policies.newcastle.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=236>

## Important Policy Information

The 'HELP for Students' tab in UoNline contains important information that all students should be familiar with, including various systems, policies and procedures.

*This course outline was approved by the Head of School. No alteration of this course outline is permitted without Head of School approval. If a change is approved, students will be notified and an amended course outline will be provided in the same manner as the original.*

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