

## **RESEARCH METHODS and PROJECTS (ANY FIELD)**

### **RM095/795 Research Methods**

Offered: Every year

Description: This unit covers the methodology and skills required in theological research for BTh Honours and higher degrees.

Method: Offered as an on-line unit through PTC Melbourne. Enrol directly with PTC Melbourne

Assessment: Web-based exercises and the presentation of a 2000 word thesis proposal.

### **++290/490/499/650/690/750/790 Research Project (4 or 8 or 16 cps)**

Offered: Every year

Conditions: Students may normally only count one Project (except in the case of GradDipDiv students switching to the MDiv program who may do one 4 cp Project in the GradDipDiv and must do one 8 cp Project, and students in the GradDipTh who may do an 8 cp Project and who may on transferring to the MA(Th) do a 16 cp Project). Projects involving human unit research (including interviews) must satisfy ethics protocols and students are advised to submit proposals for such projects early. Special conditions apply to candidates submitting projects as exit theses. See Guidelines for Exit theses.

290: Students must be in their final year of the course.

490/690: Prerequisite of all core foundation level units and at least 8 cps of advanced level units in the field of study. MDiv candidates must do the project in their final semester.

499 (BTh Honours): See ACT Undergraduate Handbook.

790: Subject to approval. Would generally be expected to be in final year.

Description: This project allows students to study in depth a topic not covered elsewhere in the course, to develop research and reporting skills and to explore aspects of research relevant to their area of ministry preparation. It may not cover an

area substantially covered in some other part of the course.

**Method:** Submit a proposal to the Registrar within the first two weeks of the semester, following the guidelines set out in the relevant ACT Handbook.

A seminar on the writing and submission of projects and theses may be held early in first semester. For 400/600 levels, topic must be approved by the ACT moderator. Close consultation is to be maintained with the project supervisor appointed by the Principal.

**Assessment:** 290 (4 cps): A project of 4000 words, internally assessed.

490 (4 cps Internal): A project of 4000-8000 words. Candidates for the ministry should consider the requirements of the Exit Thesis. See Guidelines to Exit theses.

490 (4 cps External): A project of 5000 words, internally assessed and externally moderated.

499 (16 cps): A project of 15000 words, externally assessed

650 (4 cps): A project of 6000-7000 words internally assessed and externally moderated.

690 (8 cps): A project of 8000 words, internally assessed and externally moderated.

GradDipTh 750 (8 cps): A project of 8000 words (optional).

MA(Th) 790 (16 cps): A project of 15000 words (optional).

**Due Date:** A Project is to be submitted in its final form three weeks before the commencement of the examination period for the semester. A Project submitted as an exit thesis (to be externally marked) has an earlier due date. See Guidelines to Exit theses.