
MEDI986: Principles of Health Research

Subject Outline

6 credit points

Subject Information

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On Campus

On-Campus Delivery This subject is delivered in-person and includes on-campus or other location-based learning activities that cannot be undertaken by students studying Online/Distance. Students unable to attend campus or any other nominated physical delivery location should not enrol in this subject. Subject is co-taught with MEDI386.

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Expectations of Students

UOW values are intellectual openness, excellence and dedication, empowerment and academic freedom, mutual respect and diversity, recognition and performance. We will provide a safe, equitable and orderly environment for the University community, and expect each member of our community to behave responsibly and ethically (UOW Student Conduct Rules <https://documents.uow.edu.au/about/policy/learning/index.html>).

We expect that students demonstrate these values and professional behaviour, both face to face and online, making genuine efforts to complete their studies successfully, arriving on time to class, taking part constructively in class discussions and activities, demonstrating appropriate professional and ethical conduct in all communication with UOW staff and community members, and submitting assignments on time (or completing a request for Academic Consideration in advance if needed).

Communication and eLearning Etiquette

Guidelines on the use of email to contact teaching staff, mobile phone use in class and information on the university guide to eLearning 'Netiquette' can be found at <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/learningcoop/software/email Etiquette/index.html>

Guiding Communication Principles for Students

Moodle Announcements will be the primary platform for communication of general information to students

- Students should ensure they regularly check the main announcements forum at the top of each subject's Moodle site. Information distributed via a Moodle Announcement MAY not be duplicated on any other forum on the Moodle site.
- Moodle Discussion forums pertinent to specific assignments will be used but will not replace or be used for overarching subject announcements.
 - Assignment discussion forums for specific assignments will be clearly labelled in the forum description to identify the purpose of the forum (e.g. 'Please ask any questions you have about Assessment Task 1 in this discussion forum') - students should check and ask any assignment questions on these forums and not through email.
 - The Moodle assignment discussion forums should always be used in the first instance when inquiring about assessment tasks.
- It is the student's responsibility to check all subject Moodle sites regularly for information and notifications.

SOLS messages will be used for all central communication relating to the following:

- Administrative matters relating to student enrolment
- Critical information relating to course or subject, e.g. Changes to assignments, policy updates, class cancellations or changes
- Timetable information
- Security and emergency information
- Students are encouraged to check SOLS messages daily as these messages are often of high priority

SOLS and Moodle announcements can NOT be responded to.

Email

- Communication to UOW staff by students should only be via a UOW email account

- In relation to assessment questions, Moodle assignment forums should be used rather than email.

Remember to use the same principles when communicating online as you would face-to-face. Be clear and respectful and communicate with the same consideration you would expect from others.

Related Policies

- Online and email etiquette <https://tr.uow.edu.au/uow/file/976ffde2-b892-42cf-b20b-5c7a65bc08cc/1/Overview%20of%20Online%20and%20Email%20Etiquette.pdf>
- Using UOWmail <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/learning-co-op/technology-and-software/uowmail/>
- Inclusive language guideline <https://documents.uow.edu.au/about/policy/students/UOW140611.html>
- The Student Charter <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/charter/>

Cyber Bullying

The University is committed to providing a safe, respectful, equitable and orderly environment for the University community, and expects each member of that community to behave responsibly and ethically. Students must comply with the University's [Student Conduct Rules](#) and related policies including the [IT Acceptable Use Policy](#) and [Bullying Prevention Policy](#), whether undertaking their studies face-to-face, online.

For more information on appropriate communication and etiquette in the online environment please refer to the guide [Online and Email Etiquette](#) or at <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/learning-co-op/technology-and-software/email-etiquette/>.

Related Policies

Using UOWmail <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/learning-co-op/technology-and-software/uowmail/>

Inclusive language guideline <https://documents.uow.edu.au/about/policy/students/UOW140611.html>

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Section A: General Information

Learning Outcomes

Subject Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Describe a range of research paradigms which inform society on human health
2. Identify the study designs, ethical principles and methods applied in various forms of health research and discuss implications for the establishment of evidence based practice
3. Develop skills to search and critically evaluate relevant literature
4. Compare and contrast the requirements of survey and questionnaire design and qualitative research methods in the health research context
5. Identify health outcome measures which are commonly used in health research
6. Develop a research proposal addressing an evidence based question in a health area related to a specific discipline
7. Apply technologies to communicate to research findings
8. Critique the use of sustainable development goals in research studies acknowledging the research methodology
9. Reflect on the relevance of research principles in continuing education

Subject Description

This subject provides an overview of the processes in health research, in particular as they relate to evidence-based practice. Topics address a range of research paradigms and associated research methods in the field of health, including: qualitative and mixed method designs, cohort studies, clinical trials, and systematic literature reviews/meta-analyses

Course Handbook

Information about subject pre-requisites, co-requisites and restrictions as well as course completion requirements and Course Learning Outcomes can be found in the Course Handbook <https://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/index.html>.

Subject Details: Practical Activities, eLearning, Readings and Materials

Subject eLearning

The University uses the eLearning system Moodle to support all coursework subjects. The subject Moodle site can be accessed via your SOLS page.

Safety Guidelines

The rules below are general rules that are required when participating in labs or practical activities. Before commencing these activities you are to ensure that you understand specific procedures and policy related to safety.

- All first year students undertaking Chemistry (CHEM101/102/104/105) must complete the Moodle WHS Induction (see details below)
- Before commencing any activity you are to ensure that you understand specific procedures and policy related to the lab in which you work and safety in general.
- You may need to review a Risk Assessment and complete a Participant Acknowledgement form before commencing any experiments/practical work. These materials will be made available by the lab supervisor/Subject Coordinator.

- You must inform the Subject Coordinator of any medical conditions which may impact upon your ability to participate in these activities before commencing the practical.
- All Reasonable Adjustment cases (Access Plans) must be discussed with the Subject Coordinator prior to commencing the activity.
- Participation in the lab/practical/field/simulation activities may be denied to students who do not abide by these, and other conditions which may be specified by the Subject Coordinator.
- Never use any equipment or attempt any experiment without checking the safety implications with your laboratory supervisor or experienced delegated laboratory worker.
- Undergraduate students are not permitted to work after hours unless there is appropriate approval and supervision.

APPLIED Work Integrated Learning

This subject has 'Applied WIL'. Students in this subject will experience both coursework and a work-related opportunity that typically includes interaction and feedback with industry professionals.

Additional Subject Details

This subject embeds Indigenous Knowledges, with the aim of decolonising thinking and beginning to engage participants in the negotiation of authentic knowledge-based relationships between Aboriginal Knowledges and the relevant disciplinary knowledge.

Major Text(s)

- Recommended readings will be posted to the student eLearning site as required.
- There is no set text

If there is a textbook available for purchase, you can find the details at University Bookshop <https://unishop.uow.edu.au/>

Recommended Readings and Other Resources

- Recommended readings will be posted to the student eLearning site as required.

This is not an exhaustive list of references. Students should also use the library catalogue and databases to locate additional resources.

Lectures, Tutorials and Attendance Requirements

Lecture Times *

UOW may need to change teaching locations, teaching delivery and/or assessment delivery at short notice to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff in response to the COVID-19 pandemic or other public health requirements.

Up to date timetable and delivery information is located at <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/timetables/index.html>

You can access your personal timetable by logging into SOLS and selecting 'My Timetable'

Lecture Program *

Week	Commencing	Topics Covered	Lecturer
1	27 Feb 2024	Introduction to research? Working in a research team/professional practice. Research paradigms	Assoc Prof Kelly Lambert and Dr Vinni Do Rosario
2	05 Mar 2024	Developing a research proposal How to begin a research project	Dr Vinni Do Rosario
3	12 Mar 2024	Ethics for human research studies	Prof Mirella Dittori
4	19 Mar 2024	Qualitative methods - part 1	Dr Anne McMahan
5	26 Mar 2024	Qualitative research methods - part 2	Dr Anne McMahan
6	02 Apr 2024	Quantitative methods	Dr Vinni Do Rosario
7	09 Apr 2024	Systematic reviews and meta-analyses	Dr Liz Neale
	15 Apr 2024	Mid-Session Recess	
8	23 Apr 2024	Data management and quality Artificial intelligence	Dr Colin Cortie
9	30 Apr 2024	Mixed methods study designs and research instrument design	Assoc Prof Kelly Lambert and Dr Vinni Do Rosario
10	07 May 2024	Biostatistics refresher What do you need to put in a research proposal about statistics ?	Prof Marijka Batterham
11	14 May 2024	Indigenous research methods and working with Indigenous communities	To be confirmed
12	21 May 2024	Communicating your research effectively Research reporting frameworks and how to use them	Assoc Prof Kelly Lambert and Dr Vinni Do Rosario
13	28 May 2024	Evidence-based guidelines development	Assoc Prof Kelly Lambert
	03 Jun 2024	Study Recess	
	08 Jun 2024	Examinations	
	15 Jun 2024	Examinations	

* The above times and program may be subject to change. Students will be notified of any change via SOLS.

Additional Lecture Comments

A schedule of tutorial and computer lab topics will be available via the subject e-learning site. The tutorials and computer labs are designed as the practical applications of the theoretical concepts addressed during the lectures.

Lecture Recording

The University of Wollongong supports the recording of UOW educational content as a supplemental study tool, to provide students with equity of access, and as a technology-enriched learning strategy to enhance the student experience.

If you make your own recording of a lecture, class, seminar, workshop or any other educational session provided as part of your course of study you can only do so with the explicit permission of the lecturer and those people who are also being recorded.

You may only use educational content recorded through the delivery of subject or course content, whether they are your own or recorded by the university, for your own educational purposes. Recordings cannot be altered, shared or published on another platform, without permission of the University, and to do so may contravene the University's Copyright Policy, Privacy Policy, Intellectual Property Policy, IT Acceptable Use Policy and Student Conduct Rules. Unauthorised sharing of recordings may also involve a breach of law under the Copyright Act 1969.

Most lectures in this subject will be recorded, when they are scheduled in venues that are equipped with lecture recording technology, and made available via the subject Moodle site within 48 hours.

Your Privacy - Lecture Recording

In accordance with the Student Privacy & Disclosure Statement, when undertaking our normal teaching and learning activities, the University may collect your personal information. This collection may occur incidentally during the recording of lectures in equipped venues (i.e. when your identity can be ascertained by your image, voice or opinion), or via the delivery of online content therefore the University further advises students that:

- Lecture recordings are made available to students, university staff, and affiliates, securely on the university's IT Platforms and via the subject Moodle eLearning site;
- Recordings are made available only for the purpose for which they were recorded, for example, as a supplemental study tool or to support equity and access to educational resources;
- Recordings are stored securely for up to four years

If you have any concerns about the use or accuracy of your personal information collected in a lecture recording, you may approach your Subject Coordinator to discuss your particular circumstances.

The University is committed to ensuring your privacy is protected. If you have a concern about how your personal information is being used or managed please refer to the University's Privacy Policy or consult our Privacy webpage <https://www.uow.edu.au/privacy/>

Recent Improvements to Subject

The Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health is committed to continual improvement in teaching and learning. In assessing teaching and learning practices in a subject, the Faculty takes into consideration student feedback from many sources. These sources include direct student feedback to tutors and lecturers, feedback through Science, Medicine and Health Central, responses to the Subject and Course Evaluation Surveys. These important student responses are used to make ongoing changes to subjects and courses. This information is also used to inform systemic comprehensive reviews of subjects and courses.

- Changes to the 2024 instance of this subject include amendment to the assessment tasks including removal of a quiz, change to the final exam and alteration to assessment 2

Extraordinary Changes to the Subject Outline

In extraordinary circumstances the provisions stipulated in this Subject Outline may require amendment after the Subject Outline has been distributed. All students enrolled in the subject must be notified and have the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to the amendment, where practicable, prior to the amendment being finalised.

Learning Analytics

Learning Analytics data (such as student engagement with Moodle, access to recorded lectures, University Library usage, task marks, and use of SOLS) may be used by the Subject Coordinator and your faculty's Head of Students to assist in analysing student engagement, and to identify and recommend support to students who may be at risk of failure. If you have questions about the kinds of data the University uses, how we collect it, and how we protect your privacy in the use of this data, please refer to <https://www.uow.edu.au/about/privacy/index.html>

Section B: Assessment

Assessment Summary

Assessment Item	Form of Assessment	%
Assessment 1	Assignment	5%
Assessment 2	Proposal	15%
Assessment 3	Proposal	40%
Assessment 4	Assignment	20%
Assessment 5	Exam	20%
TOTAL MARKS		100%

Please note: Copies of student work may be retained by the University in order to facilitate quality assurance of assessment processes.

A formative assessment activity (with written or verbal feedback) will be conducted before census date - please see [UOW Key Dates](#).

Assessment 1: Assignment - UOW Human Ethics Online Training

Marking Criteria	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Modules are automatically marked.
Length	8 online modules
Weighting	5%
Assessment Due	15 Mar 2024 (Friday in Session Week 3) Final submission time: 5:00pm
Type of Collaboration	Individual assessment
Style and format	Online modules to be completed during the week of the ethics tutorial
Assessment submission	Online via Moodle
Assessment return	N/A
Detailed information	The University of Wollongong requires all researchers to complete online training for Human Research Ethics Principles. The training is via 8 online modules available at the moodle site Ethical Research TRNG020_19. You can access the moodle site at https://www.uow.edu.au/research-and-innovation/researcher-support/training-and-development/ . The training will test your understanding of ethical principles and takes approximately 4 hours to complete. Many components require a 100% pass rate to move to the next module. Upon successful completion of the training you will need to upload your completion certificate to the MEDI986 eLearning site.

Assessment 2: Proposal – Draft -Research Proposal

Marking Criteria	Rubric to be provided on Moodle
Length	Maximum 500 words, using 12 size font either Times New Roman or Calibri Double spacing Figures and tables are allowed if this facilitates understanding of the proposed study design Vancouver referencing style Draft research proposal is to be written using academic language and appropriate referencing
Weighting	15%

Assessment Due	05 Apr 2024 (Friday in Session Week 6) Final submission time: 5:00pm
Type of Collaboration	Individual assessment
Style and format	This assessment is a 500 word maximum draft outline of your research proposal in written form. The format is in Word using the subheadings below: 1. Brief background and rationale for the research proposed: 2. Research question/s: 3. Aims and hypotheses (if relevant): 4. Proposed method including proposed statistical analysis and discussion of how any ethical considerations identified will be managed
Assessment submission	Online via Moodle This assessment has been set up to be checked by Turnitin, a tool which helps you check whether you have referenced correctly. You can submit your assessment task to Turnitin prior to the due date and Turnitin will give you an originality report. You may then make any changes that may be required and resubmit your final version by the due date.
Assessment return	Feedback will be provided within 2 weeks.
Detailed information	Note: Students who fail this task (ie grade <50%) will be referred to the UOW Learning Co-op Assessment Writing Service if poor academic writing is evident. More information is here: https://www.uow.edu.au/student/learning-co-op/consultations/ Proof of attendance is required to avoid a technical fail for the subject.

Assessment 3: Proposal - Written Research Proposal

Marking Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear hypothesis and/or aims 2. Adequate rationale for the research 3. Appropriate and feasible study design 4. Clear, concise, and appropriate statement of methods of data collection and analysis 5. Appropriate understanding of ethical considerations 6. Justification of sustainable development goals
Length	Maximum 1000 Words excluding references
Weighting	40%
Assessment Due	17 May 2024 (Friday in Session Week 11) Final submission time: 5:00pm
Type of Collaboration	Individual assessment
Style and format	Electronic file.
Assessment submission	Online via Moodle
Assessment return	Assessment marks and feedback will be returned within 21 days of submission
Detailed information	Students will work to develop a research question, outline the research focus and select a suitable study design that will be presented as a written research proposal. Details of the content to include in a proposal will be presented during your week 2 lectures. Further information will be provided during your week 3 tutorial. In brief, the structure of the proposal should include: Title, hypothesis (as appropriate), aims and objectives, rationale based on the scientific literature, the potential significance of the study, and research plan (including budget and timeline), references used.

	The proposal should acknowledge and justify at least one of the sustainable development goals as is increasingly required in today's research practice. A tutorial class, examples, and related activities will be provided.
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Assessment 4: Assignment - Research Tool Critique

Marking Criteria	The marking criteria for this assessment task are available on the subject eLearning site.
Length	Maximum 1250 words, including brief references.
Weighting	20%
Assessment Due	24 May 2024 (Friday in Session Week 12) Final submission time: 5:00pm
Type of Collaboration	Individual assessment
Style and format	A template will be provided via the subject eLearning site. The template includes the following sections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original reference and purpose of the tool • Target population and relevant validation studies • Use in practice • Limitations • Form of use • Tool modifications • Sustainable development goals
Assessment submission	Online via Moodle This assessment has been set up to be checked by Turnitin, a tool which helps you check whether you have referenced correctly. You can submit your assessment task to Turnitin prior to the due date and Turnitin will give you an originality report. You may then make any changes that may be required and resubmit your final version by the due date.
Assessment return	Assessment marks and feedback will be returned within 21 days of submission
Detailed information	As part of your research proposal task (Assessment 3), you will have considered a number of different research instruments that may, or may not have suited the proposed study. This task asks you to select one of these tools and critique its use within a research study. Complete the template using Vancouver style when citing references. This task requires consideration of methods development, validity, reliability, bias, and critical thinking. A list of questions is provided on the subject e-Learning site to stimulate thinking and guide responses. All questions do not need to be answered nor are all of the prompts relevant to every tool.

Assessment 5: Exam - Final Exam

Marking Criteria	Information regarding the general exam structure will be provided during the weeks prior to the exam.
Length	2 hours
Weighting	20%
Assessment Due	The final exam will be held during the tutorial class in week 13
Type of Collaboration	Individual assessment

Style and format	The exam will include multiple-choice, short answer, and short essay-style questions.
Detailed information	The exam will cover topics covered across the entire subject with an emphasis on weeks 6-13. Opportunities for practice exams are provided during the allocated tutorials for the subject.

Minimum Requirements to Pass this Subject

To receive a clear pass in this subject a total mark of 50% or more must be achieved. In addition, failure to meet any of the minimum performance requirements is grounds for awarding a Technical Fail (TF) in the subject, even where total marks accumulated are greater than 50%.

The minimum performance requirements for this subject are:

- attempt all assessment tasks
- pass all assessment tasks, including the final exam
- meet the minimum participation requirements set out below.

Minimum Student Attendance and Participation

It is expected that students will allocate 12 hours per week to this subject, including any required class attendance, completion of prescribed readings, activities and assessment tasks.

Student attendance at tutorials and computer labs is compulsory and students must attend at least 80% of tutorial classes and PC labs.

Absences will require the submission of an application for Academic Consideration via SOLS and the presentation of suitable documentation, for example a Medical Certificate, to Student Central as soon as practical. For further details about applying for academic consideration visit the Student Central webpage: <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/central/academicconsideration/index.html>

UOW Grade Descriptors

The UOW Grade Descriptors are general statements that communicate what our grades represent, in terms of standards of performance, and provide a frame of reference to ensure that assessment practice across the University is appropriate, consistent and fair. Grade Descriptors are expressed in general terms so that they are applicable to a broad range of disciplines. Grade Descriptors are available here <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/exams/results/>. For more information on the UOW grade descriptors refer to the Teaching and Assessment: Assessment and Feedback Policy: <https://documents.uow.edu.au/about/policy/alphalisting/UOW222910.html>

Assessment Learning Outcome Matrix

Learning Outcomes	Measures - Assessment weighting				
	Assessment 1 UOW Human Ethics online training (5%)	Assessment 2: Draft Research Proposal (15%)	Assessment 3 Written research proposal (40%)	Assessment 4 Research Tool Critique (20%)	Assessment 5 Final Exam (20%)
Describe a range of research paradigms which inform society on human health.	✓				✓
Identify the study designs, ethical principles and methods applied in various forms of health research and discuss implications for the establishment of evidence based practice.	✓		✓	✓	✓
Develop skills to search and critically evaluate relevant literature.		✓	✓		✓
Compare and contrast the requirements of survey and questionnaire design and qualitative research methods in the health research context.					✓
Identify health outcome measures which are commonly used in health research.	✓		✓	✓	✓
Develop a research proposal addressing an evidence based question in a health area related to a specific discipline.			✓	✓	
Apply technologies to communicate to research findings.		✓	✓	✓	✓
Critique the use of sustainable development goals in research studies acknowledging the research methodology		✓	✓	✓	
Reflect on the relevance of research principles in continuing education				✓	

Submission, Retention and Collection of Written Assessment

Assessed work must be handed in by the date and time listed under each assessment task. All assessment tasks must represent the enrolled student's own ORIGINAL work and must not have been previously submitted for assessment in any formal course of study.

Extensions

Students requesting extensions of time to submit an assessment task, deferred exam, alternative form of assessment or exemption of a compulsory attendance requirement must apply online via SOLS and provide documentary evidence within three working days of the assessable item's due date for their request to be considered. **For information on the Policy, eligibility and how to apply see:**
<https://www.uow.edu.au/student/admin/academic-consideration/>

Late Submission Penalty

Late submissions will receive a penalty of 5% per day (or part thereof) of the total possible marks for the assessment task for up to ten (10) days after the due date and time for submission (including weekends, and public holidays), or, where an extension has been granted, for up to ten (10) days after the nominated extension deadline. For the purposes of this penalty a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) will be regarded as two days.

No marks will be awarded for work submitted:

- more than ten (10) days after the due date, or
- after the assessment has been returned to the students; whichever is applicable.

In such an instance, a mark of zero and a result of Fail for the task will be applied.

Note: Assessments must still be submitted to meet minimum performance requirements even though no mark is to be awarded.

Quiz Completion

Where there is a quiz component, any student who has not attempted and submitted a quiz within the specified timeframe will receive 0 (zero) marks for this assessment type. The quiz will not be reopened, and no alternative assessment will be set without extenuating circumstances and an approved academic consideration application. Late penalties do not apply to quizzes. If a student attempts a quiz but for technical issues is not able to submit the quiz, students must show evidence and apply for an academic consideration to sit a supplementary quiz.

Collection

Students will be notified when they can collect or view their marked assessment. In accordance with University Policy marked assessments will usually only be held for 21 days after the declaration of marks for that assessment.

Retention

The university may retain copies of student work in order to facilitate quality assurance of assessment processes, in support of the continuous improvement of assessment design, assessment marking and for the review of the subject. The University retains records of students' academic work in accordance with the University Records Management Policy and the State Records Act 1988 and uses these records in accordance with the University Privacy Policy and the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

Scaling

Marks awarded for any assessment task or part of any assessment task, including an examination may be subject to scaling at the end of the session. Marks will be scaled only when unpredicted circumstances occur and in order to ensure fairness of marking across groups of students. The method of scaling will depend on the type of scaling required by the circumstances. When scaling is deemed necessary, it will follow a detailed consideration by the Unit Assessment Committee and/or the Faculty Assessment Committee of the marks of the group of students concerned. Scaling will not affect any individual student's rank order within their cohort. For more information please refer to Standards for the Finalisation of Student Results Schedule 1: Scaling Guidelines <https://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW039331.html> for details.

Supplementary Assessment

Supplementary assessment may be offered to students whose performance in this subject is close to that required to pass the subject, and are otherwise identified as meriting an offer of a supplementary assessment. The Subject Coordinator will determine the precise form of supplementary assessment at the time the offer of a supplementary is made. In some circumstances you may be offered a supplementary exam. For more information about Supplementary Exams refer to: <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/exams/aboutsupp/index.html>

Review and Appeal of Academic Decisions

A student may request an explanation of a mark for an assessment task or a final grade for a subject consistent with the student's right to appropriate and useful feedback on their performance in an assessment task. A student may also seek further explanation for other academic decisions such as Academic Consideration, Supplementary Assessment or Credit for Prior Learning. If a student is not satisfied with the explanation, or have further concerns, they may have grounds for a formal review. For further information refer to <https://documents.uow.edu.au/about/policy/students/UOW189967.html>

Assessment Quality Cycle

The UOW Assessment Quality Cycle provides a level of assurance that assessment practices across the University are appropriate, consistent and fair. Quality assurance activities are undertaken to support the continuous improvement of assessment and promote good practices in relation to assessment design, marking and review of the subject prior to subsequent delivery.

Academic Integrity

The University's Academic Integrity Policy, faculty handbook and subject guides clearly set out the University's expectation that students submit only their own original work for assessment and avoid plagiarising the work of others or cheating. Re-using any of your own work (either in part or in full) which you have submitted previously for assessment is not permitted without appropriate acknowledgement. Plagiarism can be detected and has led to students being expelled from the University.

The use by students of any website that provides access to essays or other assessment items (sometimes marketed as 'resources'), is extremely unwise. Students who provide an assessment item (or provide access to an assessment item) to others, either directly or indirectly (for example by uploading an assessment item to a website) are considered by the university to be intentionally or recklessly helping other students to cheat. Uploading an assessment task, subject outline or other course materials without express permission of the University is considered academic misconduct and students place themselves at risk of being expelled from the University.

Students should visit the following University website and become familiar with the University's policy on plagiarism <https://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058648.html>

Referencing

The Author-Date (Harvard) referencing system should, unless otherwise specified for a particular assessment (check Details of Assessment Tasks), be utilised. A summary of the Harvard system can be accessed on the Library website at: <http://uow.libguides.com/refcite>

Section C: General Advice for Students - Policies and Procedures

Student Services and Support

There are a range of services available to students that are provided free of charge. A good place to get to know services that may be of use to you is the Get Started @ UOW web page, accessed here <https://getstarted.uow.edu.au/index.html> or search for "Get Started @ UOW". Services available include:

Service	Link to information about the service
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	https://www.uow.edu.au/wic/about1/index.html?ssSourceSiteId=getstarted
Careers advice	https://www.uow.edu.au/careers/index.html?ssSourceSiteId=getstarted
Counselling	https://www.uow.edu.au/student/counselling/index.html?ssSourceSiteId=getstarted
Student Accessibility and Inclusion (SAI)	https://www.uow.edu.au/student/disability/index.html?ssSourceSiteId=getstarted
Information Tech.	https://www.uow.edu.au/its/index.html?ssSourceSiteId=getstarted
Study Skills	https://www.uow.edu.au/student/learningcoop/index.html?ssSourceSiteId=getstarted

Student Support Adviser (SSA)

If you have a temporary or ongoing issue or a problem that is affecting your study, including issues that are related to belonging to an equity group, then the Student Support Advisers may be able to help. There are Student Support Advisers available to assist students who are studying at all UOW Campuses and in all UOW Faculties. Contact details can be found on the UOW website: <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/SSA/contact/index.html>

Student Advocacy Service

The Student Advocacy Service (SAS) is free, confidential and independent service for all UOW students. The SAS provides advocacy and referral for a range of academic, procedural and administrative issues. For more information visit: <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/advocacy/>

Student Central

Student Central is your primary administrative and information contact during your studies. There are service representatives from Student Service, Accommodation Services, BUPA, Global Student Mobility (Exchange) and Scholarships and Sponsorships.

Our purpose is to ensure students have access to the information they need, at the time they need it. We can help with a wide range of enquiries, some are:

- Applying for academic consideration
- Official documentation requests
- Updating personal details
- Student ID card replacement
- Opal cards and transport
- Education verification
- Fees and charges
- Scholarships and grants
- Digital and printed academic documents
- Overseas health cover
- Studying abroad and exchange

- SOLS password and login help
- Student feedback

Student Central contacts:

Phone	1300 275 869 (1300 ASK UOW) or +61 2 4221 3927
Email	askuow@uow.edu.au
Online	Enquiry Form(https://bps.uow.edu.au/suite/sites/student-enquiry/page/submit-enquiry)

Library Services

Save yourself time and enhance your studies: connect with information specialists and resources anytime, anywhere.

- For Library support connect with [Live Chat](#) or [contact the Library](#).
- For self-help see [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or browse [Library guides](#) to find information, databases and skills tutorials.
- [Research consultations](#) are available to UOW Postgraduate, Honours and Deans Scholar students.

Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity involves upholding ethical standards in all aspects of academic work, including learning, teaching and research. It involves acting with the principles of honesty, fairness, trust and responsibility and requires respect for knowledge and its development. The Policy can be found at:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058648.html>

Code of Practice - Research

This Code mandates the current policy and best practice relating to procedures for responsible research. The Code can be found at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058663.html>

Code of Practice - Honours

This Code sets out the responsibilities of all parties involved in managing students undertaking Honours Programs. The Code can be found at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058661.html>

The Code of Practice - Work Integrated Learning (Professional Experience)

The Code of Practice - Work Integrated Learning (Professional Experience) sets out what is expected from students, the University and Host Organisations in providing work integrated learning professional experience programs. It applies to professional experience programs that form the whole or part of a subject or course offered at the University. The Code assists in promoting a productive work integrated learning experience for students and in promoting relevant UOW Work Integrated Learning Design Principles.

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058662.html>

Copyright Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to outline responsibilities and procedures regarding the use of third party copyright material, with the objectives of reducing staff and UOW exposure to the risks associated with the use of third party copyright material, assisting staff to make full legal use of the materials at their disposal by clearly identifying responsibilities and promoting copyright compliance. The Policy can be found at:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/alphalisting/UOW026670.html>

Course Progress Policy

The Course Progress Policy establishes the requirements, definitions and procedures to be used in determining the standards of acceptable course progress. The Policy can be found at:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058679.html>

Examination Rules and Procedures

The UOW rules and procedures outline exam conditions, student conduct in exams, and the procedures for exam management. Further information can found here: <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/exams/>

Ethical or Religious Objection by Students to the Use of Animal and Animal Products in Coursework Subjects

This policy provides a framework for recognition of and responses to students' ethical or religious objection to animal use in coursework subjects at the University of Wollongong. For the purpose of this policy, animal use includes killing of animals in experimental work, dissection of animals that are already dead, use of animal tissues, use of animal-derived products (such as sera). These uses are relevant to teaching and assessment.

Further information about this policy can be found here:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058708.html>

Coursework Rules

The Coursework Rules (hereafter the Rules) govern the admission, enrolment, progression through, and qualification for a coursework award offered by the University. Further information can be found here:

<https://documents.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW262890.html>

Human Research Ethics

The Human Research Ethics Committee protects the welfare and rights of the participants in research activities.

Further information can be found here: <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/ethics/human/index.html>

Inclusive Language Guidelines

UOW endorses a policy of non-discriminatory language practice in all academic and administrative activities of the University. Further information is available from:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/alphalisting/UOW140611.html>

Intellectual Property Policy

UOW's Intellectual Property Policy provides guidance on the approach taken to Intellectual Property (IP), including its ownership, protection and exploitation. Further information about the management of IP is available at

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058689.html>

Review and Appeal of Academic Decisions Policy

UOW aims to provide a transparent and consistent process for resolving a student concern about an academic decision that has affected their academic progress, including a mark or grade. Further information is available at:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058653.html>

Student Academic Consideration Policy

The purpose of the Student Academic Consideration Policy is to enable student requests for academic consideration for assessable components of a subject to be evaluated in a fair, reasonable, timely and consistent manner throughout the University. **For information on the Policy, eligibility and how to apply see:**

<https://www.uow.edu.au/student/admin/academic-consideration/>

The Student Charter - Your Rights and Responsibilities

The Student Charter is based on principles that guide all members of the University and that promote responsible partnerships within and beyond the University community.

<http://www.uow.edu.au/student/charter/index.html>

Student Assignment of Intellectual Property (IP) Policy

This policy applies to all Students (under-graduate and post-graduate) of the University of Wollongong (UOW). It may also apply to other persons by agreement. This policy sets out the approach taken by UOW in relation to Student assignment of intellectual property. Further information about this policy can be found here:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058690.html>

Student Conduct Rules

These Rules outline the required conduct of students of UOW, and direct staff and students to University Rules, standards, codes, policies, guidelines, procedures and other requirements which specify acceptable and unacceptable student conduct, and the management of alleged student misconduct.

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058723.html>

Teaching and Assessment: Assessment and Feedback Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to set out the University of Wollongong's approach to effective learning, teaching and assessment, including the principles and minimum standards underlying teaching and assessment practice.

The Policy can be found at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/alphalisting/UOW222905.html>

Teaching and Assessment: Code of Practice - Teaching

This Code is a key document in implementing the University's Teaching and Assessment Policy and sets out the specific responsibilities of parties affected in relation to learning, teaching and assessment, as well as procedures for teaching staff. The Code can be found at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW058666.html>

Teaching and Assessment: Subject Delivery Policy

This Policy sets out specific requirements in relation to the delivery of Subjects. The policy can be found at:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/alphalisting/UOW222906.html>

Workplace Health & Safety Policy

The Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) unit at UOW aims to provide structures, system and support to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all at the campus. Further information is available from:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/alphalisting/UOW016894.html>