

RESEARCH ESSAY REGULATIONS

Assessment Criteria and Reporting Guidelines for Research Essays shall be as follows:

- 1) The standard system of grading employed by the SCD is to be used and a specific numerical mark must be given;
- 2) Examiners are asked to report on:
 - (i) The contribution to knowledge by indicating to what extent the essay
 - (a) makes a contribution to the knowledge of the subject with which it deals; and
 - (b) shows that the student understands the relationship of his/her own investigation to the wider context of knowledge in which it belongs;
 - (ii) The demonstrated ability of the student:
 - (a) to conduct research at master's level,
 - (b) to demonstrate the knowledge and skills pertinent to the area of investigation;
 - (c) to survey the relevant literature and to document statements adequately;
 - (d) to demonstrate a critical and perceptive attitude to his/her own work and to the work of others;
- 3) Examiners may ask for amendments to the essay and in doing so must;
 - (i) specify any changes which should be made to the essay;
 - (ii) give sufficiently detailed comments to:
 - (a) substantiate any identified weaknesses as well as to provide a means of informed academic exchange;
 - (b) identify clearly corrections and amendments which are deemed necessary so as to ensure that they can be attended to satisfactorily.

A Research Essay unit is allocated two semesters.