

Course Title:	Dissertation
Course Code:	GAST997
Descriptor Start Date:	01/01/2026
POINTS:	60.00
LEVEL:	9
PREREQUISITE/S:	GAST813 (new replacement code for existing GAST801), CLSY810
COREQUISITE/S:	
RESTRICTION/S:	

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 600

PRESCRIPTOR

In this capstone course the student undertakes an independent scholarly investigation of an appropriate topic. This may be a small-scale research study, which provides an opportunity for the student to be introduced to the process of planning, developing and carrying out research under close supervision, whilst demonstrating an awareness of the relevant literature. Alternatively, a dissertation may require a critical analysis and evaluation of the literature pertinent to a selected topic, together with identification of and the rationale for potential areas for further research.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Formulate the research question or define the research issue;
2. Critically review knowledge relevant to the dissertation;
3. Plan a research project that executes the selected methodology and methods tools that address the question or issue;
4. Provide a critical commentary on the research process and outcomes;
5. Reflect on and evaluate the significance of the research in the discipline area;
6. Present research thesis/dissertation at a scholarly level.

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CONTENT

A programme of study in which the student undertakes an independent scholarly investigation of an appropriate topic. This may be a small-scale research study, which provides an opportunity for the student to plan, develop and carry out research under supervision, whilst demonstrating an awareness of the relevant literature. Alternatively a dissertation may require a critical analysis and evaluation of the literature pertinent to a selected topic, together with identification of and the rationale for potential areas for further research.

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

Individual reading, study and research

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Proposal	0.00	1, 2
Literature Review (4,000-5,000 words)	40.00	2, 3
Written presentation of research findings (indicative word count 10,000-12,000 words)	60.00	4, 5

Grade Map

MAP1

A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
B+ B B- Pass with Merit
C+ C C- Pass
D Fail

Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

- The student must complete the research project by the due date and must achieve an overall C-grade.
- Any amendments or alterations to the research project/report requested by the panel of examiners must be completed within 6 weeks of notification.

LEARNING RESOURCES

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Principal Programme: AK2015, Master of Gastronomy

Related Programme/s:

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