



Term 2 2020

MMAN9451

Research Thesis A



1. Staff cartaidetails

Academic staff, sometimes together with some senior engineers from industry, act as supervisors to students undertaking Thesis work. Support is also provided by the workshop and laboratory staff. For any project-related issues, contact your thesis supervisor directly.

Contact details and consultation times for course convenor

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Please consult the course Teams site first in case your questions have already been answered by information available online.

2. Important links

Lab Access

Health and Safety

Computing Facilities

Student Resources

Course Outlines

Engineering Student Support Services Centre

Makerspace

UNSW Timetable

UNSW Handbook

UNSW Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering



Credit points

This is a 4 unit-of-credit (UoC) course and involves an unprescribed number of contact hours per week (h/w) with your supervisor. This varies on a case-by-case basis, as agreed with your supervisor.

Various factors, such as your own ability, your target grade, etc., will influence the time needed in your case.

This means that you should aim to spend not less than about 10 h/w on this course, including consultation with supervisor and workshop/laboratory staff and library/internet search. However, most students spend more time on their thesis work.

Contact hours

There are no set contact hours for thesis.

Summary and Aims of the course

Aims

The thesis provides an opportunity for the student to bring together engineering principles learned over their previous years of study and apply these principles to innovatively solve problems, such as the development of a specific design, process and/or the investigation of a hypothesis. Thesis projects must be complex, open-ended problems that allow room for student creativity, and the acquisition, analysis and interpretation of results. There must be multiple possible solutions or conclusions at the outset and sufficient complexity to require a degree of project planning from the student. The thesis requires the student to formulate problems in engineering terms, manage an engineering project and find solutions by applying engineering methods. Students also develop their ability to work in a research and development environment.

This course requires each student to demonstrate managerial, technical and professional skills in planning and executing an approved engineering project within a stipulated time limit.

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Student learning outcomes

This course is designed to address the learning outcomes below and the corresponding Engineers Australia Stage 1 Competency Standards for Professional Engineers as shown.

Assessment overview

Assessment

Group Project?

Criterion 4: Document Presentation

consideration, please see the

understanding academic integrity and how not to plagiarise. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.

You are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and the proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment tasks.

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However more serious instances in first year, such as stealing another or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

Repeated plagiarism (even in first year), plagiarism after first year, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the procedures can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (like plagiarism in an honours thesis) even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here:

www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf

11. Administrative matters and links

All students are expected to read and be familiar with School guidelines and polices, available on the intranet. In particular, students should be familiar with the following:

Attendance

UNSW Email Address

Special Consideration

Exams

Approved Calculators

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Equitable Learning Services

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Stage 1 Competencies for Professional Engineers

	Program Intended Learning Outcomes
	PE1.1 Comprehensive, theory-based understanding of underpinning fundamentals
Knowledge Skill Base	PE1.2 Conceptual understanding of underpinning maths, analysis, statistics, computing
Knowledg Skill Base	PE1.3 In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge
K SK	PE1.4 Discernment of knowledge development and research directions
PE1: and	PE1.5 Knowledge of engineering design practice
	PE1.6 Understanding of scope, principles, norms, accountabilities of sustainable engineering practice
PE2: Engineering Application Ability	PE2.1 Application of established engineering methods to complex problem solving