Master of Indigenous Knowledges

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General Course Information

Course Code: MIK
Faculty: Higher Education and Research
Sector: Postgraduate Award - POST
Award: Masters
Year Offered: 2013 - Please contact the Faculty for intake information and dates
Full Time Equivalent (FTE): 2
Units Required: Total 10, Core 8, Elective 2
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Course's Descriptors

Course Objectives
This award provides the training and guidance for Indigenous graduates to undertake a research project and thesis on a topic of importance to Indigenous Australians. It includes four training units (unless credited from previous study or RPL is granted), two of which are delivered in a workshop and two by distance or online mode. The award would normally be completed in two years (full-time) or four years (part-time). Limited RTS places and APA scholarships are available. The award is open to Indigenous students and Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff members.

Admission Requirements
All students must apply for admission in Research Division courses. All applications for research degrees are then reviewed by a Higher Degrees Committee that looks at the following: • your past academic record and ability to undertake research • your proposed topic of research and whether it is achievable • whether you can be matched with a suitable supervisor, and • any special requirements of the research (such as funds or police checks). Since the committee meets every two months, there may be a period of more than two months before knowing if you have been accepted into the program. You will receive a formal offer and an enrolment form only after you have been accepted by the Higher Degrees Committee.

Course Structure
To achieve a Masters of Indigenous Knowledges a total of 160 credit points must be completed. This consists of fifty (50) credit points of core units, thirty (30) credit points of specialist elective units and eighty (80) credit points within their dissertation units. Alternative exit awards that exist for this degree are: Graduate Certificate of Indigenous Knowledges with a total of 40 credit points and a Graduate Diploma of Indigenous Knowledges with a total of 80 credit points, as detailed in the Research division accreditation documents and as outlined below. Below is an example of a Full time study load.

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Individual Unit's Descriptors

**Year: 1 - Semester: 1**

**Indigenous research ethics**
Unit Code - MIK501 Credit Points - 10 Unit Type - Core
This unit provides an introduction to the major ethical issues in Indigenous research. It involves an examination of the social, economic and political constructs of Indigenous Australia. Some of the issues addressed include protocols, collaboration, reciprocity, dissemination of outcomes and their implications, questions of intellectual property, ownership, research and development for self determination. It will also provide the opportunity to crucially analyse existing research practices and procedures and how they impact and influence Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations.

**Indigenous Research Issues and Practice**
Unit Code - MIK502 Credit Points - 10 Unit Type - Core
This unit provides the novice researcher with the skills to define a researchable topic in an Indigenous context, to find out what has gone before, to design their own specific research project, and to collect some data for analysis. (The analysis, interpretation and report writing will occur in the next subject MIK503.)

**Analysis and Interpretation**
Unit Code - MIK503 Credit Points - 10 Unit Type - Core

**Research Skills**
Unit Code - MIK504 Credit Points - 10 Unit Type - Core
In this unit students intending to continue to a higher research degree will be required to conduct and present a comprehensive literature review on a specific topic. Those not intending to go further will be required to research and write a report in a standard format. Training in applying for a grant will also be provided. This unit will be delivered in either distance mode or on-line in either semester, according to the candidate's preference.

**Year: 1 - Semester: 2**

**Special Project 1**
Unit Code - MIK507 Credit Points - 10 Unit Type - Elective Stream 1

**Special Project 2**
Unit Code - MIK508 Credit Points - 20 Unit Type - Elective Stream 1
Critical Thinking and Effective Argument
Unit Code - MIK505 Credit Points - 10 Unit Type - Core

Year: 2 - Semester: 1

Dissertation
Unit Code - MIK540 Credit Points - 40 Unit Type - Elective
This unit is the major unit in the Masters of Indigenous Knowledges. During MIK501, 502 & 503, students will develop a major research question or project, decide on the methodology and appropriate methods of data collection and presentation and then use them to complete this unit. Their findings should be discussed with reference to relevant documented theory. The final presentation of the findings of their research project can be either a traditional written thesis, or artwork, other oral and visual records and shorter written explanation an exegesis. This unit will be completed over several semesters according to whether the candidate is full or part-time. This unit can be a ten credit point unit (MIK 510, a quarter of a load), a twenty credit point unit (MIK 520, a half of a load), and /or a full time load of 40 credit points (MIK 540).

Year: 2 - Semester: 2

Dissertation
Unit Code - MIK540 Credit Points - 40 Unit Type - Elective

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