

# EMB753 Research for Decision Making

**School:** School of Business and Creative Industries

2020 | Session 2

UniSC Sunshine Coast

**BLENDED  
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

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## 1. What is this course about?

### 1.1. Description

The key role of research in an organisation is to provide reliable evidence which will help you as managers make better strategic and tactical decisions. A sound knowledge of the research process will assist you to think clearly, logically, deeply and objectively about the available evidence on which decisions will be based. Hence the purpose of this course is to provide you with knowledge of the research process and based on this knowledge develop skills in evaluating research.

### 1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
<b>BLENDED LEARNING</b>			
<b>Lecture</b>	2hrs	Not applicable	Not Yet Determined

## 2. What level is this course?

700 Level (Specialised)

Demonstrating a specialised body of knowledge and set of skills for professional practice or further learning. Advanced application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts.

## 3. What is the unit value of this course?

6 units

## 4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1 Demonstrate mastery of theoretical business research principles.	Knowledgeable
2 Critically evaluate the research of others.	Creative and critical thinker
3 Demonstrate understanding of ethical issues in research when proposing and evaluating research	Ethical

## 5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

### 5.1. Pre-requisites

Enrolled in Program BU791

### 5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

### 5.3. Anti-requisites

MBA703 and BUS703

### 5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

### 5.5. Microcredential Information

Not applicable

## 6. How am I going to be assessed?

### 6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

### 6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Feedback will be provided in initial workshops and through an early assessment during the first teaching weekend.

### 6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1a	Oral	Group	20%	2 hours		In Class
All	1b	Report	Individual	30%	500 words		Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Report	Individual	50%	1,500 words		Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

### All - Assessment Task 1a: Report

<b>GOAL:</b>	You will demonstrate understanding of the business research process.	
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Oral	
<b>AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:</b>		
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Submit: Saturday 7th March 2020  Group PowerPoint presentation of report analysis. See Blackboard for further details.	
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Learning Outcome assessed</b>
	1	Communication and professional presentation of critique
	2	Use of theory as a framework for analysis
	3	Identification and analysis of strengths and weaknesses of the research methodology used in the report being critiqued
	4	Assessment criteria are mapped to the course learning outcomes. <span style="float: right;">1 2 3</span>
<b>GENERIC SKILLS:</b>		

### All - Assessment Task 1b: Report

<b>GOAL:</b>	You will demonstrate understanding of the business research process.	
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Report	
<b>AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:</b>		
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Submit: Monday 23rd March 2020  Individual written report of group findings from Task 1a. Written report of 500 words. See Blackboard for further details.	
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Learning Outcome assessed</b>
	1	Communication and professional presentation of critique
	2	Use of theory as a framework for analysis
	3	Identification and analysis of strengths and weaknesses of the research methodology used in the report being critiqued
<b>GENERIC SKILLS:</b>		

## All - Assessment Task 2: Critique of one research report

<b>GOAL:</b>	When making decisions managers need to be able to evaluate the quality of information on which the decision will be based. This task will allow you to develop skills in critiquing the research of others.												
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Report												
<b>AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:</b>													
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Submit: Monday 27th April 2020  This is an individual written report of 1,500 words. See Blackboard for further details.												
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### 7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

### 8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

#### 8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

#### 8.2. Specific requirements

Not applicable

### 9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

### 10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

### 10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

### 10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying: The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4% The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

### 10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate: - 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. - 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. - A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

### 10.4. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

### 10.5. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

### 10.6. General Enquiries

#### In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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