Subject Outline

Subject Title	Situating the Research – Research Masters Candidates

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1 Subject Details

Q1. This subject is offered across more than one campus and/or mode and/or study period within the one calendar year.	Yes	No
Q2. If yes (Q1), the design of all offerings of this subject ensure the same learning outcomes and assessment types and weightings.	Yes	No
Q3. If no (Q2), [Type here] has authorised any variations, in terms of equivalence.		

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The overall intention of the Confirmation of Candidature degree milestone is to allow the candidate to demonstrate that:

1.

Every year, recent JCU graduates are invited to complete the Postgraduate Research Experience Questionnaire (PREQ), part of the nation-wide Australian Graduate Survey owned by Graduate Careers Australia.

In even numbered years, all JCU HDR candidates are invited to undertake an online survey based on the PREQ. Individual HDR candidates, their Enrolling Organisational Unit or advisors, are not identified through this process.

All subject readings and resources, including journal articles, book chapters, websites, videos, print and eTextbooks, are available to view online from your *Readings list*

All HDR candidates have access and are encouraged to use iThenticate to check their papers and thesis chapters as they write them.

Candidates are strongly advised to check their RM7002 project proposal through iThenticate and to discuss the details of the report with their Advisory Panel or an appropriate member of the JCU Teaching and Learning Development Unit.

Referencing and attribution practices can differ between and even within disciplines and understanding and interpreting these differences in the context of the iThenticate matching report requires knowledge that should be obtained through the completion of the Plagiarism workshop offered by the GRS Professional Development Program.Achieve an overall percentage of 50% or more.

In their report, the Advisory Panel will be asked to assess:

    a. The strategy for the literature search;

    b. The logical structure of the work;

    c. The English expression; and

    d. The critical analysis within the work.

Advisors will be asked to consider their input into the written work in the context of their expectations of a doctoral candidate in the early stages of their candidature.

3   Grade for RM7002 Situating the Research

The members of the Candidature Committee who are not on the Advisory Panel will discuss the written piece of work and the RD7002/RM7002 Advisory Panel Report on Substantive Piece of Written Work Proforma.

The candidate's grade for RM7002 must be recommended to the Dean, Graduate Research Studies by the members of the Candidature Committee who are external to the candidate's Advisory Panel through the Confirmation of Candidature Report Proforma. Members of the Advisory Panel and the candidate must not be involved when the other members of the Candidature Committee finalise the grade recommendation.

In exceptional circumstances, these members of the Candidature Committee may seek revisions to the written work before recommending a final grade. In this instance the Chair of the Candidature Committee must notify the Graduate Research School in writing and the candidate will be placed Under Review. The revisions must occur within three months of the Candidature Committee's meeting date unless there are exceptional circumstances which would make this unfeasible.

The grading system for RM7002 'Situating the Research' is as follows:

Pass: The candidate has demonstrated mastery of the knowledge in the relevant field and the cognitive and communication skills appropriate to the stage of candidature and at the level required for a Research Masters.

Conceded Pass: The candidate has not demonstrated mastery of the knowledge in the relevant field and the cognitive and communication skills appropriate to the stage of candidature and at the level required for a Research Masters. However, the standard of the work is consistent with that required for candidature within another cognate degree offered by the University (e.g. Masters by Coursework or Graduate Diploma).

Fail: The candidate has not demonstrated mastery of the knowledge in the relevant field and the cognitive and communication skills appropriate to the stage of candidature and at the level required for a research doctorate, nor is the standard of the work consistent with that required for candidature within another cognate research or coursework degree offered by the University.