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FIT5000 is an extension unit for all FIT coursework masters minor thesis degrees, where appropriate. Entry only available on approval by the Associate Dean (Education) where exceptional circumstances have been determined.

Mode of Delivery
Caulfield (Day)

Workload Requirements
Varies according to remaining requirements. To be determined by the Supervisor/Co-ordinator.
See also Unit timetable information

Unit Relationships

Prohibitions
Students are not permitted to enrol in this unit more than once.

Prerequisites
Associate Dean (Education) approval required.
Prerequisite Knowledge: Research methods and a sound understanding of the research topic area.

Chief Examiner
Dr David Albrecht

Campus Lecturer
Caulfield
Dr Pari Delir Haghighi

Your feedback to Us
Monash is committed to excellence in education and regularly seeks feedback from students, employers and staff. One of the key formal ways students have to provide feedback is through the Student Evaluation of Teaching and Units (SETU) survey. The University’s student evaluation policy requires that every unit is evaluated each year. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the surveys. The feedback is anonymous and provides the Faculty with evidence of aspects that students are satisfied and areas for improvement.
For more information on Monash's educational strategy, see:

www.monash.edu.au/about/monash-directions/ and on student evaluations, see:
www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/quality/student-evaluation-policy.html
Academic Overview

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the Masters thesis, students will be able to:

1. design a rigorous Masters level research project and develop project proposal;
2. critically review research literature, research design and reported findings;
3. evaluate and select research methods and techniques of data collection and analysis appropriate to particular research designs, projects and disciplines;
4. conduct ethical research;
5. communicate research findings in written and oral form in research and industry settings.
**Unit Schedule**

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*Unit Schedule details will be maintained and communicated to you via your learning system.*

**Teaching Approach**

**Assessment Summary**

Presentation and final thesis (normally 15,000 - 20,000 words): 100%
Assessment Requirements

Assessment Policy

Faculty Policy - Unit Assessment Hurdles

Academic Integrity - Please see resources and tutorials at http://www.monash.edu/library/skills/resources/tutorials/academic-integrity/

Assessment Tasks

Participation

This unit forms part of the sequence of units comprising the Minor Thesis thesis in the Faculty of Information Technology and allows students who have been delayed in their studies time to complete their thesis.

FIT5000 Minor Thesis Extension is taken over a single semester but forms the final part of a sequence of units that together allow a student to complete a Minor Thesis of 24 cpts.

These units include:

- FIT5551 Minor Thesis Part 1
- FIT5552 Minor Thesis Part 2
- FIT5553 Minor Thesis Part 3
- FIT5554 Minor Thesis Final (24 cpts)

At the completion of the requirements for the thesis the following components of assessment will be completed:

- Research Proposal: (approximately 3000 words) 5%;
- Literature Review: (approximately 6000 words) 10%;
- Interim Presentation: hurdle;
- Final Presentation: 5%;
- Thesis (normally 10,000 - 20,000 words): 80%

Please refer to the Unit Guides for FIT5551 and FIT5554 for a description of the assessment items to be completed over the course of the Minor Thesis.

The following components will be assessed during the course of this unit:

The student will be required to complete any outstanding assessment items, normally these will consist of the Final Presentation: 5%; Thesis (normally 10,000 - 20,000 words): 80%

Learning resources

Monash Library Unit Reading List (if applicable to the unit)
http://readinglists.lib.monash.edu/index.html
Feedback to you

Types of feedback you can expect to receive in this unit are:

- Other: Supervisor meetings and seminar presentations

Extensions and penalties

Submission must be made by the due date otherwise penalties will be enforced.

You must negotiate any extensions formally with your campus unit leader via the in-semester special consideration process: http://www.monash.edu.au/exams/special-consideration.html

Returning assignments

Students can expect assignments to be returned within two weeks of the submission date or after receipt, whichever is later.

Assignment submission

It is a University requirement (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/student-academic-integrity-managing-plagiarism-collusion-procedures.html) for students to submit an assignment coversheet for each assessment item. Faculty Assignment coversheets can be found at http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/forms/. Please check with your Lecturer on the submission method for your assignment coversheet (e.g. attach a file to the online assignment submission, hand-in a hard copy, or use an electronic submission). Please note that it is your responsibility to retain copies of your assessments.

Online submission

If Electronic Submission has been approved for your unit, please submit your work via the learning system for this unit, which you can access via links in the my.monash portal.
Other Information

Policies

Monash has educational policies, procedures and guidelines, which are designed to ensure that staff and students are aware of the University’s academic standards, and to provide advice on how they might uphold them. You can find Monash’s Education Policies at: www.policy.monash.edu.au/policy-bank/academic/education/index.html

Faculty resources and policies

Important student resources including Faculty policies are located at http://intranet.monash.edu.au/infotech/resources/students/

Graduate Attributes Policy

http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/management/monash-graduate-attributes-policy.html

Student Charter


Student services

The University provides many different kinds of support services for you. Contact your tutor if you need advice and see the range of services available at http://www.monash.edu.au/students. For Malaysia see http://www.monash.edu.my/Student-services, and for South Africa see http://www.monash.ac.za/current/.

Monash University Library

The Monash University Library provides a range of services, resources and programs that enable you to save time and be more effective in your learning and research. Go to www.lib.monash.edu.au or the library tab in my.monash portal for more information. At Malaysia, visit the Library and Learning Commons at http://www.lib.monash.edu.my/. At South Africa visit http://www.lib.monash.ac.za/.

Disability Liaison Unit

Students who have a disability or medical condition are welcome to contact the Disability Liaison Unit to discuss academic support services. Disability Liaison Officers (DLOs) visit all Victorian campuses on a regular basis.

- Website: http://www.monash.edu/equity-diversity/disability/index.html
- Telephone: 03 9905 5704 to book an appointment with a DLO; or contact the Student Advisor, Student Community Services at 03 55146018 at Malaysia
- Email: dlu@monash.edu
- Drop In: Equity and Diversity Centre, Level 1, Building 55, Clayton Campus, or Student Community Services Department, Level 2, Building 2, Monash University, Malaysia Campus