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| **Date** | **Dissertation Seminar / Lesson Content** |
| Wk1 | Introduction.  To Dissertation Supervision & arrangements. |
| Wk2 | Taught Session   * Types of dissertation , required elements of a dissertation based on secondary research * Reviewing of Literature – methods of searching * Choosing a topic area for the dissertation. * Developing a research question * Homework / preparation - Students to start to review and analyse literature to assist with the above. |
| Wk3 | Taught session   * Effective planning of research - elements that need to be considered and planned for * Creating an outline / initial research plan - time management * Procrastination – and the problems it causes * Homework / preparation - Students to continue to review and analyse literature to assist with the above. |
| Wk4 | Taught/Workshop session  Review of key points from taught sessions  Students to draft a brief outline plan of the elements they need to consider for their dissertation, and, provide some indication of how they will acquire relevant information, e.g. taught sessions, independent study, workshop/seminar sessions, etc. |
| Wk5 | Seminar lesson this week -   * Students to present their outline plan and receive feedback from peers. * Make any amendments identified as a result of feedback by 31 Oct. * TSD & USW submit written plan 1500 words by 31 * Make an appointment for dissertation supervision to discuss reviewed plan with supervisor. |
| Wk6 | Seminar lesson this week -   * Students to present their outline plan and receive feedback from peers. * Make any amendments identified as a result of feedback by 31 Oct. * TSD submit written plan 1500 words by 31/10/19. * Make an appointment for dissertation supervision to discuss reviewed plan with supervisor. |
| Wk7 | HALF TERM |
| Wk8 | Taught session   * Methodology for dissertations based on secondary research. |
| Wk9 | Workshop session   * Continue to review the literature re: chosen dissertation question. |
| Wk10 | Taught session  Analysing the literature –  Continue to Review and analyse Literature re: chosen question |
| Wk11 | Continue to Review and analyse Literature |
| Wk12 | **Taught session – writing an introduction** An introduction provides:  details of the research topic you have decided to focus on,  why the topic is of interest,  what the gaps are in knowledge,  how your dissertation 'adds value' to previous research (i.e., what is new).  It should also include your research question (and any sub-question(s)).  The research question should help with structuring your dissertation.  You may be putting forward a particular argument and you can give this in your introduction with the issues that you are going to address.  The introduction should provide a brief overview of the structure (i.e., sections or chapters).  Continue to Review and analyse Literature |
| Wk13 | Continue to Review and analyse Literature / Start drafting the Introduction to your dissertation |
| Wk14 | Continue to Review and analyse Literature |
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| Wk15 | Continue to Review and analyse Literature |
| Wk16 | submit a draft of the Introduction to your dissertation. |
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