

Honours Programme for Human Communication Sciences: Information Session

Essential pre-requisite subject: HCS32RDC

N.B. To be eligible for HCS32RDC, a student needs a "B" grade point *average* (i.e. 70% or higher) across all the Year 2 and First Semester Year 3 x HCS subjects, as well as in the Public Health statistics subject (PHE31RDA).

There are no exceptions to this requirement

- Academic staff give a presentation of possible research subjects to potential student(s) in mid-May. This includes:
 - where study will be situated, who may be involved, etc
 - any skills students will need
 - likely a quantitative or qualitative design (if known)
- A list of possible projects is available from Rita Muntener, student officer.
Obtain this list and contact the pertinent academic to discuss their study further.
- Potential students **need to meet supervisors** to discuss further (usually groups seen)
- Complete the application form for HCS32RDC subject (available from Rita Muntener) and return to Alison Perry's pigeon hole **by Friday 26 May 2006**
- In mid-semester break of Year 3: Suitable students are allocated to supervisor(s) by Hons co-ordinator (depending on their marks and the results from Chief Examiners' meeting). A letter is sent to relevant students, inviting them to enrol in HCS32RDC.

Semester 2 - HCS32RDC:

- Academic supervisors see students for sessions (approx) fortnightly, in addition to the weekly classes for the subject
- Guidance is given wrt lit. searching/reviewing; writing style/structure of review; plan of the study (population, accrual, method, design, analysis and likely results)
- Students submit a written assignment, which is marked end-Semester 2 by two academic staff (one of whom is Hons co-ordinator). The written assignment is a protocol and design for a human subjects' research study, to be undertaken in Year 4.

If "B" grade average is maintained and a "B" for HCS32RDC assignment is achieved, then a student is invited to enrol for the Honours programme and undertake their human subjects' research study in Year 4.

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