ACST8050
Research essay in Actuarial Studies

Supervised sub-thesis in an area of current actuarial interest.

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COURSE OVERVIEW

Learning Outcomes

1. Introduction to research training and projects in areas of current actuarial interest.

Assessment Summary

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<td>Research essay</td>
<td>100%</td>
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Research-Led Teaching

This course will require the student to conduct their own research into an area of current actuarial interest and then write up the results of the research, including any data analysis, in an essay. The structure of the essay may be similar to a thesis.

Feedback

Staff Feedback

Students will be given feedback individually through written and verbal comments throughout the semester.

Student Feedback

ANU is committed to the demonstration of educational excellence and regularly seeks feedback from students. One of the key formal ways students have to provide feedback is through Student Experience of Learning Support (SELS) surveys. The feedback given in these surveys is anonymous and provides the Colleges, University Education Committee and Academic Board with opportunities to recognise excellent teaching, and opportunities for improvement.

For more information on student surveys at ANU and reports on the feedback provided on ANU courses, go to

http://unistats.anu.edu.au/surveys/selt/students/ and
http://unistats.anu.edu.au/surveys/selt/results/learning/

Policies

ANU has educational policies, procedures and guidelines, which are designed to ensure that staff and students are aware of the University’s academic standards, and implement them. You can find the University’s education policies and an explanatory glossary at:

http://policies.anu.edu.au/

Students are expected to have read the Academic Misconduct Rules 2014 before the commencement of their course.

Other key policies include:

- Student Assessment (Coursework)
- Student Surveys and Evaluations

Required Resources

Commonwealth supported students and domestic full-fee paying students generally must be able to complete the requirements of their program of study without the imposition of fees that are additional to the student contribution amount or tuition fees.

Provided that its payment is in accordance with the Act, a fee is of a kind that is into any one or more of the following categories:

(a) It is a charge for a good or service that is not essential to the course of study.
(b) It is a charge for an alternative form, or alternative forms, of access to a good or service that is an essential component of the course of study but is otherwise made readily available at no additional fee by the higher education provider.

(c) It is a charge for an essential good or service that the student has the choice of acquiring from a supplier other than the higher education provider and is for:
   (i) equipment or items which become the physical property of the student and are not consumed during the course of study; or
   (ii) food, transport and accommodation costs associated with the provision of field trips that form part of the course of study.

(d) It is a fine or a penalty provided it is imposed principally as a disincentive and not in order to raise revenue or cover administrative costs.

Additional course costs
There may be additional costs for the purchase of textbooks if required during the course of research.

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

Assessment Tasks

Assessment Task 1: Research essay
Word limit (indicative): 10,000 words
Details of task: A written essay which covers an in-depth analysis and discussion of the area of actuarial interest.
Value: 100%
Presentation requirements: A written document
Estimated return date: TBA

Examination(s)
No formal examination.

Referencing requirements
Accepted academic practice for referencing sources that you use in presentations can be found via the links on the Wattle site, under the file named “ANU and College Policies, Program Information, Student Support Services and Assessment”. For a more interactive guide on what this is all about, please see http://library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism/.

Scaling
Your final mark for the course will be based on the raw marks allocated for each of your assessment items. However, your final mark may not be the same number as produced by that formula, as marks may be scaled. Any scaling applied will preserve the rank order of raw marks (i.e. if your raw mark exceeds that of another student, then your scaled mark will exceed the scaled mark of that student), and may be either up or down.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS
The University offers a number of support services for students. Information on these is available online from http://students.anu.edu.au/studentlife/