



# BLAR14020 Built Environment Research

## Term 1 - 2023

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## General Information

### Overview

This unit represents the culmination of your formal studies as a building professional and seeks to equip you with the necessary research skills to allow you to continue in the challenging, yet rewarding career, of a practicing building professional. In this unit, you will produce a dissertation detailing the results of the research project you will undertake. Between the research project and the dissertation, you will demonstrate your analysis, reflection and judgment skills through solving technical problems, evaluating project processes, outcomes and related learning experiences. The unit will give you an opportunity to develop your personal and interpersonal skills and apply the principles of social innovation to a research project. Note: Prior to the commencement of term and before an enrolment can be accepted, you must confirm with the Unit Coordinator that you have completed the prerequisite research planning unit BLAR14019, that the research remains viable and an academic supervisor is available. Students who have successfully completed BLCN13021 or BLSV14015 should not enrol in this unit.

### Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 4*

Credit Points: *12*

Student Contribution Band: *8*

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: *0.25*

### Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Pre-requisite: BLAR14019 Built Environment Research Plan, and Condition: Successfully completed 144 units of credits in the Building Surveying (Honours) or Construction Management (Honours) course.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

### Offerings For Term 1 - 2023

- Online

### Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

### Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

## Class and Assessment Overview

### Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 12-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 25 hours of study per week, making a total of 300 hours for the unit.

### Class Timetable

#### [Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

#### [Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

### Assessment Overview

#### 1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 40%

#### 2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 60%

### Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

## CQUniversity Policies

**All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).**

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

## Previous Student Feedback

### Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

#### Feedback from Student feedback - have your say

##### Feedback

Four out of the 9 students responded, and the main negativity was the degree of difficulty of the assignment. These students considered that there were very few positives in learning to write a dissertation and believed that the dissertation had no relevance to construction management and was more relevant to those studying for a master's or PhD. However, it should be noted that the level of difficulty has not been previously raised.

##### Recommendation

It is suggested that the assignment be reviewed and compared in terms of the level of difficulty to other research units within the faculty. Students will be made aware of how the development of research skills can benefit their ongoing professional development.

## Unit Learning Outcomes

### On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Apply appropriate strategies and social innovation principles to resolve technical problems and evaluate project processes, outcomes and related learning experiences
2. Develop and evaluate accepted standards of research and scholarship using sound analysis, reflection and judgement to write a concise dissertation
3. Demonstrate professional practice skills
4. Employ effective scholarly and professional communication skills.

## Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



### Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Written Assessment - 40%	•	•	•	•
2 - Written Assessment - 60%	•	•	•	•

### Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Communication	•	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•	•

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•	•	•	•
5 - Team Work				
6 - Information Technology Competence	•	•	•	
7 - Cross Cultural Competence				
8 - Ethical practice	•	•	•	•
9 - Social Innovation	•	•		
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Written Assessment - 40%	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	
2 - Written Assessment - 60%	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	

## Textbooks and Resources

### Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

### IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Microphone and camera for use with Zoom
- MS Office (mainly Word and Powerpoint)
- MS Teams
- EndNote (bibliographical software). EndNote bibliographic software to format your references is NOT mandatory. However, it will be a great tool to manage your research references and cite them in texts. Consult ITD for instructions on how to download this software. It is easy to use and very helpful. See <https://my.cqu.edu.au/group/it-services/endnote> to access the software

## Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)  
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

## Teaching Contacts

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## Schedule

### Week 1 - 06 Mar 2023

#### Module/Topic

Topic 1 - Relevant communication skills

#### Chapter

Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

### Week 2 - 13 Mar 2023

#### Module/Topic

Topic 2 - Effective literature review and research

#### Chapter

Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

### Week 3 - 20 Mar 2023

#### Module/Topic

Topic 2 - Effective literature review and research

#### Chapter

Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

### Week 4 - 27 Mar 2023

#### Module/Topic

Topic 2 - Effective literature review and research

#### Chapter

Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

### Week 5 - 03 Apr 2023

#### Module/Topic

Topic 2 - Effective literature review and research

#### Chapter

Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

### Vacation Week - 10 Apr 2023

#### Module/Topic

#### Chapter

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

### Week 6 - 17 Apr 2023

#### Module/Topic

Topic 2 - Effective literature review and research

#### Chapter

Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

**Working draft of dissertation** Due: Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

### Week 7 - 24 Apr 2023

#### Module/Topic

Topic 3 - Final dissertation writing

#### Chapter

Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

### Week 8 - 01 May 2023

#### Module/Topic

Topic 3 - Final dissertation writing

#### Chapter

Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information

#### Events and Submissions/Topic

**Week 9 - 08 May 2023**

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 3 - Final dissertation writing	Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information	

**Week 10 - 15 May 2023**

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 3 - Final dissertation writing	Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information	

**Week 11 - 22 May 2023**

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 3 - Final dissertation writing	Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information	

**Week 12 - 29 May 2023**

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 3 - Final dissertation writing	Please refer to the Moodle site for specific readings and additional unit information	

**Review/Exam Week - 05 Jun 2023**

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		<b>Final dissertation</b> Due: Review/Exam Week Monday (5 June 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

**Exam Week - 12 Jun 2023**

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

## Assessment Tasks

### 1 Working draft of dissertation

**Assessment Type**

Written Assessment

**Task Description**

You are required to submit a 4000-word working draft copy of the dissertation as completed at this stage of term. This draft should include:

1. Research background, scope, proposed research problem, objectives, and research significance;
2. Ongoing literature review with comprehensiveness and depth; and
3. Research design, data collection method, and data analysis methods.

**Assessment Due Date**

Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

**Return Date to Students**

Week 8 Friday (5 May 2023)

**Weighting**

40%

**Assessment Criteria**

You are required to submit a working draft copy of the dissertation as completed at this stage of term. This draft should include:

1. Professional format and clear layout with sufficient references in Harvard style (5 marks)
2. Research background, scope, proposed research problem, at least 3 specific objectives, and research significance (15

marks)

3. Draft on the ongoing literature review with comprehensiveness and depth (10 marks)

4. Draft on your research design, data collection method, and data analysis methods (10 marks)

### Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

### Submission

Online

### Submission Instructions

Submit online via the assessment block of the Moodle page of the unit.

### Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply appropriate strategies and social innovation principles to resolve technical problems and evaluate project processes, outcomes and related learning experiences
- Develop and evaluate accepted standards of research and scholarship using sound analysis, reflection and judgement to write a concise dissertation
- Demonstrate professional practice skills
- Employ effective scholarly and professional communication skills.

### Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice
- Social Innovation

## 2 Final dissertation

### Assessment Type

Written Assessment

### Task Description

You will submit the final dissertation, at least 10,000 words long. You should follow the dissertation format strictly, and revise the dissertation based on the feedback your draft in Assignment 1.

### Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Monday (5 June 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

### Return Date to Students

Within two weeks of submission and before the certification of the grades.

### Weighting

60%

### Assessment Criteria

This assignment will assess your ability to:

1. Formulate and operate a research plan.
2. Apply detailed technical knowledge and industry based methodologies, assess safety and risk factors, and prepare a feasible plan and implementation schedule.
3. Discover and use information sources and technology to collect, analyse and interpret data, notes and references.
4. Practice personal and interpersonal skills.
5. Use effectively different modes of communication.

### Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

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**Learning Outcomes Assessed**

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**Graduate Attributes**

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- Team Work
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- Social Innovation



## Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

### What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

### Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

### Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

### What can you do to act with integrity?



#### Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



#### Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



#### Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem