

Sample Paper Descriptor

(Paper level, the number of credits for the paper and learning outcomes **MUST** be specified.)

PAPER TITLE: RES 280 RESEARCH METHODS

Credits	15	Level	6
EFTS	0.125		
Scheduled teaching hours	75		
Scheduled off-site practical and work place component hours	0		
Total scheduled hours	75		
Hours of self-directed learning	75		
Total hours of student learning	150		

Credits & Level:

Each paper is allocated a credits value and level. The credits value indicates its contribution to the qualification while the level indicates the level the paper is at in the NZQF.

Pre-requisites: Students must have successfully completed QNT 165 Quantitative Analysis or equivalent

Co-requisites: Nil

AIM

This paper provides students with an introduction to key analytical tools used within business and the implications for managerial decision-making. Students learn to apply appropriate research methodologies to identify and solve business related problems.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this paper, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the nature and scope of business research.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the research planning process.
3. Use relevant journals to write a literature review and understand its value.
4. Design and conduct a basic research project.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of alternative methods of data collection.
6. Prepare simple spreadsheets for the presentation of data and statistics.
7. Demonstrate skills of basic statistical data analysis.

Learning Outcomes:

A set of statements in a paper descriptor that describes the knowledge, skills and attributes students gain as a result of their learning.

ASSESSMENT

BASIS OF ASSESSMENT

Paper assessments are based on a percentage mark out of 100 and then finally recorded as a grade.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessments may include but not limited to: tests, assignments, case studies, presentations, reports, and final examination.

REQUIREMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

To successfully complete this paper, students need to achieve an overall mark of at least 50%.