GUIDELINES – HONOURS – DRAFT THESIS BACKGROUND

Students are to submit a draft outline of their thesis to their supervisor by 1st July.

This is a hurdle requirement and will not contribute towards the final grade. There is no set format and no word limit – ultimately this is up to the supervisor/s as to what is appropriate and will be assessed by the supervisor.

It is expected that the student has done sufficient reading to have substantially completed a literature review; started their project and may have obtained some results.

For the thesis outline we expect from the student:

1) A basic literature review.
2) Outline of thesis structure – chapter topics.
3) Time line for completion.

Supervisor to the student:
1) Provide an assessment that the student has adequately reviewed the area of study.
2) Confirm the student has achieved the skills necessary and can realistically complete the project.
3) Student is performing at the expected level.

Layout:
• Text should be double-spaced throughout
• Arial or Times New Roman fonts, use a minimum font size of 11
• Leave a minimum 2.5 cm margins all round the text, A4 paper size