



UNIT OUTLINE

AS001-912 (Stream 1) Introduction to Text-Based Research Methods

Description	The unit provides students with the opportunity to reflect on, and make plans for, a specialised research project. After introducing the academic and ethical underpinnings of research, the unit will provide students with an overview of text-based research methodologies with a view to facilitating an informed choice of a methodology or methodologies aligned with the student's proposed topic. The unit will then prepare the student for the task of producing an informed proposal for a research project based on an in-depth examination of a specific research methodology and an integrated literature survey. The use of intensive classes and/or online forums enable the formation of a learning community in which this reflection and planning can occur.
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The philosophy of research2. The resources of research3. Administration of research4. Project Management5. Analysis and interpretation6. Focus and production
Study modes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engagement with a range of learning experiences over 13 semester weeks.• Participation requirements, including forum posts, though not assessed, are compulsory to the successful completion of all units of study.
Assessment*	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Research Process Essay2. Research Methodology3. Research Review4. Research Proposal
Textbooks	<p>Osborne, Grant R. 1991/2006 <i>The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation</i>. Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press.</p> <p>Smith, Kevin Gary. 2016. <i>Writing and Research: A Guide for Theological Students</i>. Carlisle: Langham Global Library.</p> <p>NOTE: Both these textbooks are available as e-books through the Malyon College Library. If you would like to buy the book for yourself, they are available as a Kindle books. If you want a hard copy we recommend using the Book Depository but allow at least 10-12 business days for delivery.</p>

* Assessment items may be subject to change without prior notice