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**GENERAL and PREPARATION**

- **Pattern A:** Compulsory
- **Pattern B:** Compulsory
- **Prerequisite Modules required:** No
- **Dissertation Module Title and code:** SS Dissertation HE4021
- **Credit Weighting:** 20 ECTS Pattern B / 10 ECTS Pattern A
- **Topic:** Selected by students in consultation with a Supervisor.
- **Supervisors – How are these assigned?** Approached by students in the first instance.
- **When are supervisors agreed?** Requested before deadline in April of JS year.
- **JS or Vacation Period study required:** Advised but not required.
- **Proposal Required:** Working title, outline of chapter structure and short bibliography, by April of JS year.
- **Proposal Submission Date:** Wednesday of 10th week of Hilary Term in JS year.
- **Proposal guidelines available:** Yes, in the Departmental Handbook online [https://www.tcd.ie/Religions_Theology/undergraduate/handbook.php](https://www.tcd.ie/Religions_Theology/undergraduate/handbook.php)
- **Plagiarism Regulations available:** Yes, in the Departmental Handbook online [https://www.tcd.ie/Religions_Theology/undergraduate/handbook.php](https://www.tcd.ie/Religions_Theology/undergraduate/handbook.php)

**DURING**

- **Word Count: Minimum and Maximum, where applicable:** 15,000 (+/- 10%, and including footnotes)
- **Word Count Pattern A (if Different) Minimum and Maximum, where applicable:** 7,500 (+/- 10%, and including footnotes)
- **Dissertation Guidelines available:** Style sheet is supplied, on BlackBoard Module HE4021 and in the Departmental Handbook
- **Presentation(s) Required:** Work-in-progress seminars offered to all students
- **Supervisors - Availability and Meetings with supervisors, recommended number and frequency etc, or minimum required level of interaction:** Schedule agreed with supervisor, typically five supervision meetings providing guidance and direction on structuring and scheduling research.
- **Feedback – method and frequency:** Chapters submitted to supervisor, returned and discussed at ca. 5 meetings.
- **Advice on timeline/structure of study for completion:** Schedule to be agreed with supervisor.
- **Additional Requirements (if any):** None.

**COMPLETION AND ASSESSMENT**

- **Submission Date:** Wednesday Week 10 HT
- **Submission method:** 2 Hard Copies submitted to the office by 12 noon.
- **Penalties for Late Submission:** Penalties can apply where an extension has not been sought in advance of the deadline.
- **Penalties for exceeding word count:** Not usually.
- **Penalties for not meeting minimum word count:** Not usually.
- **Penalties Other:** None applied.
- **Assessment criteria availability:** Yes. In Departmental Handbook Online [https://www.tcd.ie/Religions_Theology/undergraduate/handbook.php](https://www.tcd.ie/Religions_Theology/undergraduate/handbook.php)
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