

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR: : **CN 4740 Communication Thesis**

(Previously CN 4940 Communication Seminar)

US CREDITS:3/0/3

(Updated: Fall 2020)

UK LEVEL:6

UK CREDITS:15

PREREQUISITES:

WP 1010 Introduction to Academic Writing
 WP 1111 Integrated Academic Writing and Ethics
 WP 1212 Academic Writing and Research
 CN 2301 Foundations of Contemporary Media
 CN 3408 Issues in Context
 CN 3421 Communication theories
 CN 4532 Communication Research Methods

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Students work directly with a faculty supervisor to develop and complete a capstone thesis.

RATIONALE:

The capstone is important to communication students interested in pursuing post-graduate study or work in the field of communication. Students undertake study of a topic of their choice under the supervision of a faculty member. The course offers students the opportunity to enhance their critical and research skills through an in-depth study.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

As a result of taking this course, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate critical understanding of key issues and current debates in media and the communication industries.
2. Formulate research questions and employ appropriate methods for exploring them.
3. Demonstrate the ability to work independently and creatively within agreed guidelines
4. Critically assess the body of available literature on a topic related to the communication industries or the mass media.

METHOD OFTEACHING AND LEARNING:

In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used:

Regular individual meetings with supervisor.

Use of a blackboard site, where supervisors post required and relevant resources. Use of library facilities: students are encouraged to make use of the library for their capstone project.

ASSESSMENT:

Summative:	
Capstone paper or project, 6,000-8,000 words	100
Formative:	
Research Proposal (Formative)	0

The summative assessment tests LOs 1-4.

The formative assessment tests LOs 1-4

	Students are required to resit failed assessments in this module.
INDICATIVE READING:	REQUIRED READING: RECOMMENDED READING:
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	REQUIRED MATERIAL: RECOMMENDED MATERIAL: Paul Gruba, Justin Zobel. <u>How To Write Your First Thesis</u> . Springer, 2017.
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	All assignments must be in appropriate English.
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	Word, PowerPoint.
WWW RESOURCES:	
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	Content outline is at the discretion of the supervisor.