**MRES700 Research Communications**

All BPhil/MRes Year 1 students take the MRES700 unit “Research Communications.” This unit aims to equip new research students with skills to communicate academic research effectively, and with a heightened appreciation of the relationship between research communications and disciplinary knowledge creation. Students will analyse, critique and practise academic communication conventions from different research genres in a variety of modes (written, oral and visual), across disciplines and for different audiences.

**Offering**

MRES700 will be run in Sessions 1 and 2, but students are strongly recommended to take the unit in their second semester, as they need to be able to communicate intelligently on their Year 2 MRes research project topic as part of their assessment.

Session 1: **external** delivery. The Session 1 offering is intended for students who commence Year 2 MRes mid-year. It is NOT recommended for those who have just commenced the BPhil/MRes program.

Session 2: **internal** delivery. Most BPhil/MRes students take MRES700 in this session.

Session 3: **internal** delivery. The Session 3 offering is intended for students who are unable to take the unit in Sessions 1 or 2, or who need to repeat the unit. Students may need to apply for approval from their Faculty MRes Director to take MRES700 in Session 3.

For further information, please email the Unit Convenor Dr Florence Chiew (florence.chiew@mq.edu.au).

The following information applies only to the MRES700 **Session 2** offering.

**Delivery of unit**

In Session 2, students attend two classes each week: a 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour tutorial. The schedule of classes can be found by searching for “MRES700” on the MQ Timetables page. The lecture is held in WSA T1 on Tuesdays 11am-12pm and is also recorded and available as an Echo360 ilecture. The first MRES700 lecture will be held in Week 1 of Semester 2.

Students self-register into a tutorial group via eStudent and need to choose a tutorial that suits their discipline: *Science, Humanities or Social Science*. The MRES700 timetable on the MQ Timetables page specifies which tutorials have been assigned to each stream. Tutorials start in Week 2.

**Assessment**

The Research Communications unit is graded (HD, D, Cr, P, F). There are three (3) assessment tasks: a blog portfolio, blog post discussions, and a peer review exercise.

**Online component**

MRES700 students will be enrolled in the iLearn unit “MRES700: Research Communications.” The site outlines what students need to do each week, and gives students access to class materials, the
recorded lecture and other useful research communication resources. The ilearn site is also used for assignment submission.

**Unit Readings**

There is no textbook for MRES700. Readings will be available online via the MQ library website. In MultiSearch, click on the “Unit readings” tab and enter the unit code, MRES700.