

Module Title	Masters Research Project Preparation (MRPP)		
Brief Description	This module enables you to develop a proposal for a research project at Masters level.		
SCQF Level	11		
Credit Rating	10 SCQF Credits / 5 ECTS credits		
Status (Core/Elective/Choice)	<input type="checkbox"/> Core <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elective If Elective please identify the programme(s) below: MMus/MA		
Pre-requisites	None		
Co-requisites	None		
Anti-Requisites	None		
Learning Modes	Hours per week/task	No. of Weeks	Total (hours)
Seminars	1	4	4
Tutorials	1	6	6
Non Contact	4.5	20	90
Total Notional Student Effort			100
Module Co-ordinator	Dr J Simon van der Walt		
Module Aims	This module is designed to: Comprehensively lay the groundwork for an effective Masters research project by exploring possible topics, developing a clearly focussed research proposal and undertaking a thorough review of relevant literature. At the end of the module, as a springboard to the Masters Research Project module, the student presents their emerging research area and questions in a short presentation to other students and module staff.		
Module Content	Seminars focus on the nature of research in the performing arts, questions of research design and methodology, and effective strategies for presenting research at this level. Students are allocated an individual tutor, who will guide the student in creating their research proposal, literature review and end-of-module presentation. For students who plan to		

	conduct their proposed research in the context of the Masters Research Project module, special attention will be paid to the constraints of scale in the Masters Research Project.									
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module you will be able to:									
LO1	Design a coherent programme of research with clear research questions, an evaluative methodology, and an appropriately comprehensive literature review									
LO2	Present the current state of knowledge in the chosen area, and the research proposal, in a live presentation for a mixed specialist/non-specialist audience									
Assessment 1, Type and Weighting	You will be assessed through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Proposal and Literature Review 70% A research proposal of 1500 words and literature review of 3500 words									
Assessment Criteria for Assessment 1	Assessors will look for an ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly articulate a research problem • Weigh up alternative approaches to the problem in question • Engage thoroughly with existing knowledge in the area • When the proposed programme of research will be undertaken in the Masters Research Project module, scope a research project commensurate with the 10 credits available in that module. 									
Assessment 2, Type and Weighting	You will be assessed through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 30% An end-of-module presentation of 15 mins followed by 10 mins of questions and discussion									
Assessment Criteria for Assessment 2	Assessors will look for an ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present research plans clearly and succinctly • Engage a mixed audience • Respond generously to questions about the proposed research and the topic area. 									
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Critical Artistry	This module develops critical artistry by engaging the student thoroughly with the current state of knowledge in the area of the proposed research, and by developing an appropriately evaluative approach to research method.									
Feedback	Verbal feedback will be given in both the seminars and the individual tutorials. Written feedback will be given on both assessments.									
Recommended Resources										

Other Relevant Details	
Next Steps	This module leads directly to Masters Research Project