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| Presentation Pathways | | | | | | | |
|  | | | **Format 1:** | Traditional thesis structure for Doctoral, Master’s and Bachelor with Honours research components | | | |
|  | | | **Format 2:** | Research students may include in their research submissions for examination manuscripts that have been prepared as they progress through their degree. The peer-review process takes time, and may not have necessarily been accepted to publication stage or equivalent (e.g. conference papers submitted for computing conferences) within the enrolment period, so a submitted research component may consist of work that is:   * In preparation for submission to a peer-reviewed journal, or equivalent * Submitted to a peer-reviewed journal or equivalent, or * Published in a peer-reviewed journal or equivalent   **Research Components of 90 points and above** should containa minimum of **two** manuscripts as defined above prior to submission for examination.  **Research Components below 90 points** must contain a minimum of **one** manuscript as defined above prior to submission for examination. | | | |
|  | | | **Format 3:** | Practice-oriented research should include an artefact/performance/or other approved output and exegesis for examination. The term ‘thesis’ encompasses the creative/practice-oriented component and the exegesis as a whole. | | | |
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| *Note: Thesis/Dissertation/Exegesis limits stated exclude bibliographies and appendices.* | | | | | | | |
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| *\* This is dependent on the topic and the specific research undertaken, and may vary depending on methodology and the relevant point’s value of the research e.g. 60 points vs 120 points.* | | | | | | | |
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|  | | **References:** | | A list of references should be provided, in standard format, listed alphabetically or numerically. This should be included at the end of the thesis/dissertation/exegesis and not at the end of each chapter. | | | |
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