

Proposed COURSE OUTLINE for: (8 contact hours)	ICB Research Theory and Practice (RTAP)
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Dear student/facilitator

Welcome to the ICB **Research Theory and Practice** learning area. Please note the following:

1. It is essential that students enrolled for Research Theory and Practice (RTAP) be in possession of their ICB Portfolio of Evidence for this learning area *at the start of their first session* with their facilitator. Students therefore need to be enrolled at least two weeks prior to commencement of classes.
2. This learning area takes the form of a dissertation, therefore there are no Class Tests and students will not be required to write a Final Exam.
3. Students should make use of Harvard Style in-text referencing and bibliography throughout. Visit the following link for more information on referencing:

https://utas.libguides.com/ld.php?content_id=21757934

Students will need a copy of this document, as it will form the basis of this research workshop.

4. The dissertation must be completed using the guidelines as set out in the document entitled 'Research Theory and Practice (RTAP) Dissertation Instruction Book', which has been included in the ICB PoE for this subject.
5. Please note that class attendance is compulsory. However, should the student not be able to attend any of the sessions listed below, he or she should inform the facilitator as soon as possible.

The details of the course coordinator are:

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RESEARCH THEORY AND PRACTICE DISSERTATION WORKSHOP				
Sessions (Two hours per session)	Date	Topic	Notes	Reading/ Learning Modules
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introduction How to conduct research in accounting? How to reference information sources 		N/a
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are required to choose one of the topics listed below. Three topics relate to current critique that exists with respect to International Accounting Standards. The other topic relates to joint ventures (we recommend students that are completing the Business Management programme to use this topic): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAS 40: Investment Property; OR IAS 16: Property, Plant and Equipment; OR IAS 36: Impairment of assets; OR provide a critical assessment of a successful post-2010 joint venture between two or more South African businesses. 		N/a
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compiling a short dissertation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAS topics: if you have selected one of the International accounting standards DO NOT provide a long overview of the Standard itself. A brief description may be provided, but the purpose is to summarise international critique with respect to the particular Standard. Your dissertation should clearly indicate proper research on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a brief overview of the Standard; positive international critique with respect to the Standard (perceived strengths); negative international critique with respect to the Standard (perceived weaknesses); practical evidence supporting your findings (may be cited); and a summary of international recommendations as to how the standard can be improved. Joint venture: if you have selected to complete your dissertation on a successful joint venture, your dissertation should outline the following: 		N/a

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ reasons for the establishment of the joint venture; ▪ the original product, service or idea that spawned the success of the joint venture; ▪ critical success factors of the joint venture; ▪ the role of leadership and motivation in the particular joint venture; and ▪ the influence of cultural diversity in the particular joint venture. 		
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editing and proofreading a dissertation 		N/a
		Students will submit their dissertation to the ICB for assessment. There is no Final Exam for this learning area.		