

COURSE STRUCTURE

When does Scholarly Selective run?

The Scholarly Selective (SS) subjects are delivered in Year 3 and Year 4 of the MD course. Scholarly Selective 1 (SS1) runs from 4 July 2016 to 4 October 2016; Scholarly Selective 2 (SS2) runs from 30 Jan 2017 to 30 June 2017.

What happens in SS1?

SS1 is a preparatory period during which students will not be working with their Project Supervisor full-time. During SS1 students are required to become familiar with the requirements of their project via development of a project plan; completion of a draft literature review; where required, assisting project supervisors to prepare and submit ethics applications; and spending a small amount of time in their host unit. Importantly, students should not be actively collecting research data during SS1.

There is no specific time set aside for SS1 in the Year 3 timetable; it runs concurrently with PCP3 and students are required to meet all requirements of both subjects during this semester. Given the breadth of projects, and competing academic commitments, a blanket guide on a time commitment for SS1 is difficult to make. However, it would not be unrealistic for a student to spend 2-3 hours per week on SS1 during this semester.

What happens in SS2?

SS2 is the period when students are actively on-task – collecting data, analysing results and preparing their journal monograph and poster. During SS2 students have no other academic commitments aside from their research project.

ASSESSMENT

What is the assessment for SS1 and when it is due?

The assessment tasks for SS1 are:

- Project Supervisor, site, project title and research question specified (pass/fail assessment)
- a structured project plan (up to 1000 words; pass/fail assessment)
- a draft literature review (2000 words; pass/fail assessment).

The research question and project plan are assessed by the SS Subject Co-ordinator (or their nominees); the draft literature reviewed is assessed by the project supervisors using a structured pro-forma. Project supervisors will be provided with all materials to assist with marking of the literature review in the latter half of SS1.

What is the assessment for SS2?

The assessment tasks for SS2 are:

- an extended literature review (5000 words; 30%)
- a final report in the style of a journal article (4000 words; 40%; hurdle task)
- a poster for presentation at the MD Student Conference (10%)
- a Project Supervisor evaluation (10%).
- three progress reports (10%)

SCHOLARLY SELECTIVE TIMETABLE 2016 - 2017

Year	Month	Event
2016 – Scholarly Selective 1	Early July	Students advised of their project allocation
	Early July	First meeting with Project Supervisor
	1 August	Project title and research question due
	29 August	Project plan due
	3 October	Draft literature review due
2017 – Scholarly Selective 2	30 January	Semester commences
	6 March	Progress report 1 due
	17 April	Literature review due
	1 May	Progress report 2 due
	5 June	Progress report 3 due
	12 June - 19 June	Students to provide draft of journal monograph to supervisors
	Late June - early July	Poster presentation at MD Student Conference
	30 June	Semester ends
7 July	Journal monograph due	

SCHOLARLY SELECTIVE TIMELINE / OVERVIEW

