

## Guidelines for LAS2100 Research Project

This Unit is intended to offer students the opportunity of working on a supervised research project and to integrate and/or develop any aspect/s of their previous learning experience. Students are particularly encouraged to work on a cross-disciplinary project, in line with the spirit of a liberal arts and sciences degree. The research project may take various forms, including a long essay (10,000-12,000 words), a fieldwork report, an audio and/or visual composition, a reflective study or any other assigned task as approved by the Board.

Unit Code:	LAS2100
Unit Title:	Research Project
ECTS value:	12
Conditions:	120 ECTS completed (*see provision below)
Length:	10,000-12,000 words (including footnotes but excluding bibliography)
Supervision:	A principal supervisor and, if required, a co-supervisor appointed by the Board. The principal supervisor should normally hold a resident or visiting academic position at the University at the time of appointment.
Fees:	€250
Duration:	Oct-May or Feb-Sep (8 months), with the possibility of a 3 month extension granted by the Director (CLAS) and a further 3 month extension subject to the Board's approval.
Registration:	Closing date of applications for units on offer in Semester 1 (mid-September) if starting in October; closing date of applications for units on offer in Semester 2 (mid-January) if starting in February.
Procedure:	Students interested in applying for the Research Project Unit are to discuss their research proposal with the Director (CLAS) before submitting their application. Following a satisfactory preliminary assessment of the proposal, students will be asked to apply for the Unit. The Director shall then submit the student's written proposal (an abstract of c. 500 words) together with his/her recommendation, including the name of the proposed supervisor (and co-supervisor if applicable), to the Board for its consideration.

\* Students transferring ECTS credits from previous learning experiences have to complete a number of PLAS Units equivalent to at least 20 ECTS credits before applying for the Long Essay unit.