

## Responsibilities of Supervisory Team

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The M.A. program in The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs includes a research requirement, represented by a thesis (2 credits) or research essay (1 credit). This requirement involves original research in an approved subject in international affairs.

**The Supervisory Team** - It is the practice in the School that M.A. research essays and theses are supervised by an inter-disciplinary supervisory team consisting of a supervisor and one advisor, at least one of whom is on the staff of the School. The supervisory team is selected by plenary committee of the School.

Predominant responsibility for supervision rests with the supervisor. The supervisor is expected to approve the overall research design of the research essay/thesis, and will monitor the student's progress. Supervisors are expected to read and comment on drafts of the research essay/thesis. Before a completed research essay/thesis can be submitted for a board, the supervisor must certify that it is ready for examination.

The advisor's role is to offer advice and guidance on the research work. The advisor should be available to answer questions, and is expected to read and comment on a draft of the research essay/thesis.

The student is expected to take into account the comments and suggestions of the supervisor and advisor in preparing the research essay/thesis, and to maintain contact with both throughout the writing of the paper.

**The School's policy provides that the length of a research essay should be 50-80 pages, and that the length of a thesis should be 100-160 pages. This policy will be strictly enforced. Essays that fall outside these limits, will not be accepted for examination. The University has determined that it is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that students conform to this policy on length.**

When a research essay/thesis is completed to the satisfaction of members of the supervisory team, and is certified by the supervisor as being ready for submission, it is then submitted for defence.