



## UNSW Course Outline

# PHCM9789 Bioterrorism and Health Intelligence - 2024

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## General Course Information

Course Code : PHCM9789

Year : 2024

Term : Term 3

Teaching Period : T3

Is a multi-term course? : No

Faculty : Faculty of Medicine and Health

Academic Unit : School of Population Health

Delivery Mode : Multimodal

Delivery Format : Standard

Delivery Location : Kensington

Campus : Sydney

Study Level : Postgraduate

Units of Credit : 6

### Useful Links

[Handbook Class Timetable](#)

## Course Details & Outcomes

### Course Description

This is a PLuS Alliance course offered through UNSW. Students at UNSW, Arizona State University and Kings College London who are in a PLuS Alliance program can enrol into this course.

Our systems, thinking, training, legislation and policies have lagged far behind momentous changes in science, and leaving us vulnerable to population-level harm from bioterrorism. Synthetic viruses and genetic engineering of pathogens are a reality, with a rapid acceleration of dual-use research of concern (DURC), which is research intended for good which may also be used to cause harm to humans. The public availability of methods for DURC genetic engineering, coupled with the insider threat, poses an unprecedented risk for global biosecurity. The course will provide a grounding in human health aspects of bioterrorism and response, for first-responders, analysts or policy makers from health, emergency management, law enforcement, military or other relevant backgrounds. An overview of bioterrorism past, present and future scenarios will be covered. Case studies in risk analysis, risk mitigation and response will be studied. These will cover engineered transmissible H5N1 avian influenza; distinguishing natural from unnatural epidemics, surveillance tools, rapid intelligence and analysis methods. International health regulations, governance of DURC, insider threat and ethical frameworks will be examined. Models for cross-sectoral collaboration and communication will also be explored. Preparation of first line responders to biohazards will be covered, including personal protective equipment, decontamination, epidemic control measures, post-exposure prophylaxis and vaccines for biosecurity.

The course draws on recognised experts with a breadth of experience, and has an emphasis on practical learning experiences using real case scenarios. The course can be taken by health professionals and also professionals from defence, security, law enforcement or emergency management. For the latter, who have no health training, additional materials will be provided to introduce you to key concepts prior to commencing the course.

## Course Aims

This course aims to give you the skills to critically evaluate, analyse and interpret important issues in bioterrorism and health intelligence as it applies to infectious diseases and human health. This will cover an overview of pathogens (human and zoonotic), toxins, radiation threats; governance of biosecurity and sectors involved (human health, animal health, agriculture, food etc); One Health as a concept; the history of bioterrorism; DURC; Public health ethics and governance of DURC; Insider threat and motivations; Risk analysis in public health; International health regulations – gaps analysis; Threat recognition; Response to threats; Intersectoral cooperation; and Preparing first responders. The course also aims through peer teaching to enhance your ability to view problems from the diverse perspectives of all stakeholder groups.

You will be supported in developing interactional abilities to:

- Establish relationships and communicate effectively to improve health outcomes.
- Collaborate in a multidisciplinary, time-limited, setting and to share and discuss your own and other people's interpretations, findings and ideas.
- Present and argue your work based on sound public health principles.

## Relationship to Other Courses

This course is an elective course of the Master of Public Health, Master of Global Public Health, Master of Infectious Diseases Intelligence, and Master of Health Leadership and Management programs, comprising six units of credit towards the total required for completion of the program. There are no pre-requisites for this course. This course has been designed to complement and enhance the breadth of courses focused on public health aspects of infectious disease prevention and control being offered to School of Population Health postgraduate coursework students.

### Assistance with progression checking:

If you are unsure how this course fits within your program, you can seek guidance on optimising your program structure, from staff at the [Nucleus Student Hub](#).

Progression plans for UNSW Medicine and Health programs can be found on the [UNSW Medicine & Health website](#).

## Course Learning Outcomes

Course Learning Outcomes
CL01 : Critically evaluate the history, motivations, health aspects and impacts of bioterrorism and the associated risk to human health.
CL02 : Map and analyse the components of emergency response to biosecurity threats and epidemic control, and how each component relates to the others.
CL03 : Identify natural and aberrant epidemic patterns using principles of epidemiology and determine appropriate mechanisms for flagging and responding to aberrant epidemic patterns from using an assessment of the available surveillance systems.
CL04 : Apply the principles of occupational safety, prevention, risk mitigation, and management of biothreats to policy and planning for protection of first line responders.
CL05 : Critically evaluate dual-use-research of concern in the biological sciences and the related ethical, legal, governance and public health issues.
CL06 : Apply principles of risk analysis to evaluate the insider threat as it applies to biosecurity and consider mitigation strategies.
CL07 : Gain diverse perspectives in biosecurity from different stakeholders and disciplines, the gaps and weakness in inter-sectoral collaboration, and models for improving the same.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Item
CLO1 : Critically evaluate the history, motivations, health aspects and impacts of bioterrorism and the associated risk to human health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Report</li> <li>• Moodle Quiz</li> <li>• Moodle Quiz</li> <li>• Analytical Report</li> </ul>
CLO2 : Map and analyse the components of emergency response to biosecurity threats and epidemic control, and how each component relates to the others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytical Report</li> </ul>
CLO3 : Identify natural and aberrant epidemic patterns using principles of epidemiology and determine appropriate mechanisms for flagging and responding to aberrant epidemic patterns from using an assessment of the available surveillance systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moodle Quiz</li> <li>• Moodle Quiz</li> </ul>
CLO4 : Apply the principles of occupational safety, prevention, risk mitigation, and management of biothreats to policy and planning for protection of first line responders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moodle Quiz</li> <li>• Analytical Report</li> </ul>
CLO5 : Critically evaluate dual-use-research of concern in the biological sciences and the related ethical, legal, governance and public health issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moodle Quiz</li> <li>• Analytical Report</li> </ul>
CLO6 : Apply principles of risk analysis to evaluate the insider threat as it applies to biosecurity and consider mitigation strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytical Report</li> </ul>
CLO7 : Gain diverse perspectives in biosecurity from different stakeholders and disciplines, the gaps and weakness in inter-sectoral collaboration, and models for improving the same.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytical Report</li> </ul>

## Learning and Teaching Technologies

Moodle - Learning Management System | Microsoft Teams

## Learning and Teaching in this course

All course materials and course announcements are provided on the course learning management system, Moodle. Microsoft Teams will be used for online lectures, tutorials and lecture recordings. Details of this will be communicated via Moodle.

By accessing and using the ICT resources provided by UNSW, you are agreeing to abide by the ['Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources'](#) policy particularly on respect for intellectual property

and copyright, legal and ethical use of ICT resources and security and privacy.

# Assessments

## Assessment Structure

Assessment Item	Weight	Relevant Dates
Short Report Assessment Format: Individual Short Extension: Yes (2 days)	10%	Start Date: Not Applicable Due Date: 30/09/2024 11:59 PM Post Date: 14/10/2024 11:30 PM
Moodle Quiz Assessment Format: Individual	20%	Start Date: 16/10/2024 11:59 PM Due Date: 20/10/2024 11:59 PM
	20%	Start Date: 13/11/2024 11:59 PM Due Date: 17/11/2024 11:59 PM
Analytical Report Assessment Format: Individual Short Extension: Yes (2 days)	50%	Start Date: Not Applicable Due Date: 18/11/2024 11:59 PM Post Date: 02/12/2024 11:30 PM

## Assessment Details

### Short Report

#### Assessment Overview

Due early in the term, you will be asked in one A4 page to describe the history and use of a nominated infectious biological agent that has been developed as a bioweapon. This task aims to introduce you to the key features of bioweapons and how they can be developed and used.

#### Course Learning Outcomes

- CL01 : Critically evaluate the history, motivations, health aspects and impacts of bioterrorism and the associated risk to human health.

#### Detailed Assessment Description

Detailed information about this assessment will be provided on the course Moodle page

#### Assessment Length

One A4 page

#### Submission notes

See 3. Submission of Assessment Tasks in the Other Useful Information tab of your course outline and refer to Moodle for submission information.

#### Assignment submission Turnitin type

This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

## Generative AI Permission Level

### **Simple Editing Assistance**

In completing this assessment, you are permitted to use standard editing and referencing functions in the software you use to complete your assessment. These functions are described below. You must not use any functions that generate or paraphrase passages of text or other media, whether based on your own work or not.

If your Convenor has concerns that your submission contains passages of AI-generated text or media, you may be asked to account for your work. If you are unable to satisfactorily demonstrate your understanding of your submission you may be referred to UNSW Conduct & Integrity Office for investigation for academic misconduct and possible penalties.

For more information on Generative AI and permitted use please see [here](#).

### **SIMPLE EDITING ASSISTANCE**

For this assessment task, you may use standard editing and referencing software, but not Generative AI. You are permitted to use the full capabilities of the standard software to answer the question. If the use of generative AI such as ChatGPT is detected, it will be regarded as serious academic misconduct and subject to the standard penalties, which may include 00FL, suspension and exclusion.

## **Moodle Quiz**

### Assessment Overview

Due late mid-term, you will complete a quiz of 20 multiple choice questions drawn from the core content from the mid-term weeks of teaching. The aim of this assessment is to confirm your understanding of key facts, concepts and application of concepts in context for the materials presented in the middle part of the course.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- CL01 : Critically evaluate the history, motivations, health aspects and impacts of bioterrorism and the associated risk to human health.
- CL03 : Identify natural and aberrant epidemic patterns using principles of epidemiology and determine appropriate mechanisms for flagging and responding to aberrant epidemic patterns from using an assessment of the available surveillance systems.
- CL04 : Apply the principles of occupational safety, prevention, risk mitigation, and management of biothreats to policy and planning for protection of first line responders.
- CL05 : Critically evaluate dual-use-research of concern in the biological sciences and the related ethical, legal, governance and public health issues.

### Detailed Assessment Description

Detailed information about this assessment will be provided on the course Moodle page

### Assessment Length

20 Multiple Choice Questions

### Submission notes

This is an online Multiple Choice Quiz. See 3. Submission of Assessment Tasks in the Other Useful Information tab of your course outline and refer to Moodle for submission information.

### Assignment submission Turnitin type

Not Applicable

### Generative AI Permission Level

**No Assistance**

This assessment is designed for you to complete without the use of any generative AI. You are not permitted to use any generative AI tools, software or service to search for or generate information or answers.

For more information on Generative AI and permitted use please see [here](#).

### **NO ASSISTANCE**

It is prohibited to use any software or service to search for or generate information or answers. If its use is detected, it will be regarded as serious academic misconduct and subject to the standard penalties, which may include 00FL, suspension and exclusion.

## **Moodle Quiz**

### Assessment Overview

Due early mid-term, you will complete a quiz of 20 multiple choice questions drawn from the core content from the first weeks of teaching. The aim of this assessment is to confirm your understanding of key facts, concepts and application of concepts in context for the early materials presented in the course.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- CLO1 : Critically evaluate the history, motivations, health aspects and impacts of bioterrorism and the associated risk to human health.
- CLO3 : Identify natural and aberrant epidemic patterns using principles of epidemiology and determine appropriate mechanisms for flagging and responding to aberrant epidemic patterns from using an assessment of the available surveillance systems.

### Detailed Assessment Description

Detailed information about this assessment will be provided on the course Moodle page

### Assessment Length

20 Multiple Choice Questions

### Submission notes

This is an online Multiple Choice Quiz. See 3. Submission of Assessment Tasks in the Other Useful Information tab of your course outline and refer to Moodle for submission information

### Assignment submission Turnitin type

Not Applicable

### Generative AI Permission Level

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## **Analytical Report**

### Assessment Overview

Due at the end of the term, you will complete the major written assessment for the course. You will complete a fully referenced analytical report in the style of an academic brief of evidence to support decision making by a public health agency in relation to the management of bioweapon and biological agent risks and created by dual use research of concern involving infectious diseases. You will be expected to introduce the topic and the report, discuss considerations in developing the recommendations, and deliver clear recommendations for use by decision makers in a health department. The aim of this task is to use the knowledge gained in the course to analyse a policy problem and generate a convincing evidence brief recommending concrete actions. This task is designed to prepare you to utilise your learnings in this course in



professional practice.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

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- CL06 : Apply principles of risk analysis to evaluate the insider threat as it applies to biosecurity and consider mitigation strategies.
- CL07 : Gain diverse perspectives in biosecurity from different stakeholders and disciplines, the gaps and weakness in inter-sectoral collaboration, and models for improving the same.

### **Detailed Assessment Description**

Detailed information about this assessment will be provided on the course Moodle page

### **Assessment Length**

2000 words

### **Submission notes**

See 3. Submission of Assessment Tasks in the Other Useful Information tab of your course outline and refer to Moodle for submission information. Refer to Moodle for submission information.

### **Assignment submission Turnitin type**

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### **Generative AI Permission Level**

#### **Simple Editing Assistance**

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## **General Assessment Information**

Detailed instructions regarding assessments for this course are provided on the course Moodle page.

For student information on results, grades, and guides to assessment see: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/assessment>

### **Adopting a critical approach to your assignments**

It is important that you adopt a critical approach to the material that you source for assignments, to the required readings, and to other resources you are presented with during the course. Think about and evaluate the material which you are reading and which you are presenting in assignments. Attempt to cast aside your assumptions and biases and attempt to assess the logic and consistency of the material in light of the supporting evidence. Wide reading on a topic facilitates this.

### **Referencing**

School of Population Health requires students to use either APA or Vancouver referencing styles for all assignments for this course.

It is your responsibility to learn either APA or Vancouver referencing and use it consistently to acknowledge sources of information (citing references). Failure to reference correctly may limit marks to PS or below. Guidelines for acknowledging sources of information can be found on the following websites:

- UNSW Library: <http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise>
- UNSW Academic Skills and Support: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/skills>

### **Word limits**

All word limits are to be strictly adhered to (i.e. there is no 10% leeway). Word limits include all text (e.g. headings, title, main text) and exclude tables and figures, in-text citations (if you are using APA) and reference lists.

## Turnitin

All written assessment tasks in courses in the School of Population Health use Turnitin. Turnitin is a similarity and generative AI detection software that enables assignments to be checked against the submitted assignments of other students using Turnitin, as well as the internet. If you are unfamiliar with the Turnitin software, a demonstration can be found at: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/turnitin>

### Originality and Generative AI reports

In School of Population Health courses, access to the originality report of your submission through Turnitin is available to you. Students do not have access to the Generative AI report. In School of Population Health course, you are permitted to resubmit until the assignment due date (each file uploaded overwrites the previous version). This will help you in self-reviewing and revising your submission until the due date. **No resubmissions will be allowed after the due date and time of the assignment.** Therefore, draft assignments submitted in this way will be regarded as the final version at the due date if you have not uploaded a subsequent, finalised version.

**IMPORTANT:** there are delays in the availability of subsequent Originality reports. For more details, see <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/turnitin>

### Grading and feedback

You will be provided with individualised feedback on your assignment via Moodle. You will be marked according to the marking assessment criteria listed for that specific assessment task. The aim of any academic feedback for an assessment task is not only to grade your work. Importantly, it is also to help you to identify your strengths and weaknesses, and how you can improve and progress in your studies and professional abilities.

In addition to feedback, you will receive a mark that reflects the overall quality of the work you have submitted across the marking criteria. The marking criteria for assessments in this course are provided on Moodle.

Please note these grading criteria are:

- Not intended to be a rigid formula for interpreting your result. The descriptive criteria for each grade provides the basis for consistent standards within and across our courses while still embracing academic judgement on how well you have achieved the standard required.
- Applied to each assessment task within a course. That is, the grading policy is used with each assessment task specified for a course. Your final grade for a course is dependent on the combined sum of the grades across the number of specified assessment tasks.
- Based on a criterion-referenced assessment. That is grades are awarded on how well a student meets the standard required for a particular assessment task, not on how well they do compared to other students in the course.

### Feedback on assessment and review of results

If you who believe the mark you've received for an assessment task doesn't reflect your performance you should first check you have grounds to seek a review: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/results>

In the first instance, you should discuss your performance with your Course Convenor. In your communication, you should clearly outline the reasons you are seeking clarification and do so against the marking criteria for the assessment.

Students may also formally apply to have their results reviewed. An application, which includes a justification for the review must be submitted through The Nucleus (<https://student.unsw.edu.au/results>) within 5 days of receiving the result. A review of results may result in an increase or decrease in marks.

### Grading Basis

Standard

### Requirements to pass course

In order to pass this course students must:

- Achieve a composite grade of at least 50 out of 100
- Meet any additional requirements specified in the assessment details section and on Moodle.

## Course Schedule

Teaching Week/Module	Activity Type	Content
Week 0 : 2 September - 8 September	Online Activity	Please review available course material online in preparation for Week 1. An optional "Introduction to Public Health" module is provided for students who have yet to have significant exposure to Public Health and Infectious Disease concepts to assist them with understanding the course material.
Week 1 : 9 September - 15 September	Module	Introduction to Bioterrorism - Part 1
Week 2 : 16 September - 22 September	Module	Introduction to Bioterrorism - Part 2
Week 3 : 23 September - 29 September	Module	Threat Recognition - Part 1
Week 4 : 30 September - 6 October	Module	Threat Recognition - Part 2
	Assessment	Assignment 1 is due
Week 5 : 7 October - 13 October	Module	Laboratory preparedness and emergency response - Part 1
Week 6 : 14 October - 20 October	Module	Laboratory preparedness and emergency response - Part 2
	Assessment	Quiz 1 is due
Week 7 : 21 October - 27 October	Module	Human psychology and motivations - Part 1
Week 8 : 28 October - 3 November	Module	Human psychology and motivations - Part 2
Week 9 : 4 November - 10 November	Module	Front line responders - Part 1
Week 10 : 11 November - 17 November	Module	Front line responders - Part 2
	Assessment	Quiz 2 is due
Week 11 : 18 November - 24 November	Assessment	Assignment 4 is due

# Attendance Requirements

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and review lecture recordings.

## General Schedule Information

The times and locations of classes can be found on [myUNSW](#) under Class Timetable.

Students enrolled in online courses should also refer to Moodle as some classes are not centrally timetabled (e.g., workshops) and will not appear on the timetable website.

The expected engagement for all UNSW 6UOC courses is 150 hours per term. This includes lectures, tutorials, readings, and completion of assessments and exam preparation (of relevant).

# Course Resources

## Prescribed Resources

Learning resources for this course consist of the following and are available on Moodle:

1. Course notes
2. Course readings (available on Leganto)
3. Lectures slides
4. Lecture recordings
5. Relevant course resources for each Module
6. Other (as required).

There are no set text books for this course.

## Recommended Resources

Recommended resources for this course are provided on the course Moodle page.

**ENDNOTE:** As a UNSW student Endnote is freely available to you. If you don't already use Endnote you are recommended to download it and learn it now: <https://www.myit.unsw.edu.au/software-students>

You can find details about Endnote training here: <https://www.library.unsw.edu.au/research/support-for-your-research/managing-references>

## Additional Costs

There are no additional costs associated with this course.

## Course Evaluation and Development

Student feedback is taken seriously, and continual improvements are made to the course based, in part, on such feedback.

We use student feedback from myExperience surveys to develop and make improvements to the course each year. We do this by identifying areas of the course that require development from both the rating responses and written comments. Please spare a few minutes to complete the myExperience surveys for this course posted at the top of the Moodle page at the end of term.

## Staff Details

Position	Name	Email	Location	Phone	Availability	Equitable Learning Services Contact	Primary Contact
Convenor	David Heslop		School of Population Health	0293853499	By appointment, requests via email	No	Yes

## Other Useful Information

### Academic Information

As a student of UNSW Medicine & Health you are expected to familiarise yourself with the contents of this course outline and the UNSW Student Code and policies and procedures related to your studies.

### Student Code of Conduct

Throughout your time studying at UNSW Medicine & Health, you share a responsibility with us for maintaining a safe, harmonious and tolerant University environment. This includes within the courses you undertake during your degree and your interactions with the UNSW community, both on campus and online.

The [UNSW Student Code of Conduct](#) website provides a framework for the standard of conduct expected of UNSW students with respect to both academic integrity and your responsibility as a UNSW citizen.

Where the University believes a student may have breached the code, the University may take disciplinary action in accordance with the [Student Misconduct Procedure](#).

The [Student Conduct and Integrity Office](#) provides further resources to assist you to understand your conduct obligations as a student at UNSW.

## Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

### Academic integrity

UNSW has an ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of learning informed by academic integrity. All UNSW staff and students have a responsibility to adhere to the principle of academic integrity, and ethical scholarship of learning is fundamental to your success at UNSW Medicine & Health.

Plagiarism, contract cheating, and inappropriate use of generative AI undermine academic integrity and are not tolerated at UNSW. For more information see the [Academic Integrity and Plagiarism toolkit](#).

In addition to the information you are required to review in your [ELISE training](#), UNSW Medicine & Health strongly recommends that you complete the [Working with Academic Integrity](#) module before submitting your first assessment task.

### Referencing

Referencing is a way of acknowledging the sources of information that you use to research your assignments. Preferred referencing styles vary among UNSW Medicine & Health disciplines, so check your course Learning Management System (e.g. Moodle or Open Learning) page for information on preferred referencing styles.

For further information on referencing support and styles, see the Current Student [Referencing page](#).

### Academic misconduct and plagiarism

At UNSW, academic misconduct is managed in accordance with the [Student Misconduct Procedure](#). Allegations of plagiarism are generally handled according to the [UNSW Plagiarism Management Procedure](#). Plagiarism is defined in the [UNSW Plagiarism Policy](#) and is not tolerated at UNSW.

## Use of Generative AI and other tools in your assessment

UNSW has provided guiding statements for the [use of Generative AI in assessments](#). This will differ, depending on the individual assessment task, your course requirements, and the course stage within your program.

Your course convenor will outline if and how you can use Generative AI in each of your assessment tasks. Inappropriate use of generative AI is considered academic misconduct.

Options for the use of generative AI include: (1) no assistance (for invigilated assessments); (2) simple editing assistance; (3) drafting assistance; and (4) full assistance with attribution; and (5) Generative AI software-based assessments. See your individual assessment descriptions for the level of permitted use of generative AI for each task and see your course Moodle (or Open Learning) page for the full instructions on permitted use of generative AI in your assessment tasks for this course.

Instructions may include a requirement to submit the original generative AI responses, or drafts of your original work, or provide on request.

## Submission of Assessment Tasks

### Short extensions and special consideration

#### Short extension

UNSW has a short extension procedure for submission of assessment tasks. Not all tasks are eligible, and eligible tasks have a predetermined extension length. UNSW Medicine and Health have set School-level extension lengths for eligible assessment tasks. See your course assessment descriptions for more information.

Students must check the availability of a short extension in the individual assessment task information for their courses.

Short extensions do not require supporting documentation. They must be submitted through [Special Consideration](#) before the assessment task deadline. No late applications will be accepted.

Late penalties apply to submission of assessment tasks without approved extension.



## Special consideration

In cases where illness, misadventure or other circumstances beyond your control will prevent you from submitting your assessment by the due date and you require an extension, you need to formally apply for [Special Consideration](#) through myUNSW.

UNSW has a **Fit to Sit/Submit rule**, which means that by sitting or submitting an assessment on the scheduled assessment date, you are declaring that you are fit to do so and cannot later apply for Special Consideration. Examinations include centrally timetabled examinations and scheduled, timed examinations and tests managed by your School.

Important information relating to Short Extension and Special Consideration is available [here](#), including eligibility for Special Consideration, circumstances where students with Equitable Learning Plans can apply for Short Extensions and Special Consideration, and the appeals process.

## **Examinations**

Information about the conduct of examinations in your course is provided on your course Moodle page.

## **Timed online assessment tasks**

If you experience a technical or connection problem during a timed online assessment, such as a timed quiz, you can apply for Special Consideration. To be eligible to apply you need to contact the Course Convenor and advise them of the issue immediately. You will need to submit an application for Special Consideration immediately, and upload screenshots, error messages or other evidence of the technical issue as supporting documentation. Additional information can be found on: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration>

## **Other assessment tasks**

### **Late submission of assessment tasks**

UNSW has standard late submission penalties as outlined in the [UNSW Assessment Implementation Procedure](#), with no permitted variation. All late assignments (unless extension or exemption previously agreed) will be penalised by 5% of the maximum mark per calendar day (including Saturday, Sunday and public holidays).

Late submissions penalties are capped at five calendar days (120 hours). This means that a student is not permitted to submit an assessment more than 5 calendar days (120 hours) after the due date for that assessment (unless extension or exemption previously agreed).

### **Failure to complete an assessment task**

You are expected to complete all assessment tasks for your courses. In some courses, there will be a minimum pass mark required on a specific assessment task (a “hurdle task”) due to the need to assure clinical competency.

Where a hurdle task is applicable, additional information is provided in the assessment information on your course Moodle page.

### **Feedback on assessments**

Feedback on your performance in assessment tasks will be provided to you in a timely manner. For assessment tasks completed within the teaching period of a course, other than a final assessment, feedback will be provided within 10 working days of submission, under normal circumstances.

Feedback on continuous assessment tasks (e.g. laboratory and studio-based, workplace-based, weekly quizzes) will be provided prior to the midpoint of the course.

**Any variation from the above information that is specific to an assessment task will be clearly indicated in the course and assessment information provided to you on your course Moodle (or Open Learning) page.**

## **Faculty-specific Information**

### **Additional support for students**

The university offers a wide range of support services that are available for students. Here are some links for you to explore.

- The Current Students Gateway: <https://student.unsw.edu.au>
- Academic Skills and Support: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/academic-skills>
- Student support: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/support>

- Student Wellbeing, Health and Safety: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/wellbeing>

Mind Smart Guides are a series of mental health self-help resources designed to give you the psychological flexibility, resilience and self-management skills you need to thrive at university and at work.

- Mind Smart Guides: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/mindsmart>
- Equitable Learning Services: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/els>
- Guide to studying online: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/online-study>

Most courses in UNSW Medicine & Health use Moodle as your Learning Management System. Guidance for using UNSW Moodle can be found on the Current Student page. Difficulties with Moodle should be logged with the IT Service Centre.

- Moodle Support: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/moodle-support>

The IT Service Desk is your central point of contact for assistance and support with remote and on-campus study.

- UNSW IT Service Centre: <https://www.myit.unsw.edu.au/services/students>

## Course evaluation and development

At UNSW Medicine & Health, students take an active role in designing their courses and their overall student experience. We regularly seek feedback from students, and continuous improvements are made based on your input. Towards the end of the term, you will be asked to participate in the [myExperience survey](#), which serves as a source of evaluative feedback from students. Your input to this quality enhancement process is valuable in helping us meet your learning needs and deliver an effective and enriching learning experience. Student responses are carefully considered, and the action taken to enhance educational quality is documented in the myFeedback Matters section of your Moodle (or Open Learning) course page.

## School-specific Information

### Additional Resources

Additional resources are available on the SPH website: <https://sph.med.unsw.edu.au/current-students/student-resources>

## Subject guides

Use these guides as a quick and easy pathway to locating resources in your subject area. These excellent guides bring together the core web and print resources in one place and provide a one click portal into the online resources.

UNSW Library Subject Guides: <http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/subjectguides>

Public Health Subject Guide: <http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/publichealth>

## Recording of lectures, tutorials and other teaching activities

Lectures, tutorials and other teaching activities *may* be recorded. Students should be advised that they are consenting to the recording by their enrolment in the course or participation in the activity. The purpose of audio and video recordings is to enhance the student experience by supporting engaged learning in an online teaching environment and ensure equitable access to all course resources for our students. If you have concerns about accessing course recordings, or being recorded, please contact the Course Convenor.

## School Contact Information

School guidelines on contacting staff:

### Course questions

All questions related to course content should be posted on Moodle or as directed by your Course Convenor.

In cases where email communication with course convenors is necessary, we kindly request the following:

- Use your official email address for any correspondence with teaching staff.
- We expect a high standard of communication. All communication should avoid using short-hand or texting language.

- Include your full name, student ID, and your course code and name in all communication.

Our course convenors are expected to respond to emails during standard working hours of Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

### **Administrative questions**

If you have an administrative question about your program of study at the School please submit your enquiry online at [UNSW Ask Us](#).

### **Complaints and appeals**

Student complaints and appeals: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/complaints>

If you have any grievances about your studies, we invite you to address these initially to the Course Convenor. If the response does not meet your expectations, you may then contact the School Grievance Officer, A/Prof Timothy Dobbins ([t.dobbins@unsw.edu.au](mailto:t.dobbins@unsw.edu.au)).