CHE Improvement: **Doctor of Commerce (09547)**

* ***The Institution should consider combining the research proposal and the thesis as one modules of 360 credits instead of separating them:***

According to the Unisa PROPOSAL FOR THE STRUCTURE AND DELIVERY OF POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS (approved by Senate 27 August 2008):

‘The outcome of the module will be an acceptable research proposal (24 credits) and is considered to be a research module since the research proposal is completed under supervision. The purpose of the module is primarily to guide students in a formalized manner to prepare an acceptable research proposal. The module will also be a prerequisite for allowing the student to register for the dissertation (156 credits) or thesis (336 credits).’

**Unisa Senate approval 2 June 2010**: The purpose of making the modules on research proposal writing a prerequisite is to ensure that the student does not proceed with the dissertation or thesis before she or he has completed the research proposal.

Unisa considers the research proposal as an integral part of the total research component of the doctoral qualification.

* ***The number of allocated hours should add up to 3600 and is currently on 100:***

Type of Learning Activity:

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| Type of learning activity | Hours | % of learning time |
| Direct contact time (Lectures, face to face, limited interaction or technology-assisted, tutorials, Syndicate groups) | ~~30~~ 1080 | 30 |
| WIL (Practical experiential learning, simulated learning, laboratory work , practicals etc excluding workplace-based learning) | 0 | 0 |
| WIL (Workplace-based learning only) \* | 0 | 0 |
| Independent self-study of standard texts and references and specially prepared materials (study guides, books, journal articles, case studies, multi-media) | ~~50~~ 1800 | 50 |
| Assessment | ~~20~~ 720 | 20 |
| Other (specify) | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | ~~100~~ 3600 | 100% |