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### Directed Study Contract Mode

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Directed study contract mode, together with distance and intensive mode, is part of the flexible mode delivery option for teaching approved units of the ACTh. DSC mode expands the opportunities for students to take elective units in which they have an interest but which might not be part of a college's regular teaching cycle.

The outline, goal and learning outcomes for a unit taught in this mode are identical to units taught in attendance mode.

Assessment tasks for units offered in DSC mode should ensure that the learning outcomes specified are the same as if the unit had been taught in attendance mode.

It is the responsibility of the college to demonstrate to the relevant unit moderator that the assessment tasks will adequately demonstrate the achievement of these learning outcomes.

Each unit offered in DSC should require approximately 160 demand hours for a 4 cp unit.

DSC mode differs from Distance mode insofar as the student in DSC mode will be required to meet with their lecturer for at least 6 hours during the semester at which the student will present tutorial papers.

At least one assessment task should require the student to demonstrate some understanding of the whole unit area and how various elements co-inhere. An example might be the a 1,000 word project to create a 13 week teaching plan for this unit that would include a comprehensive breakdown of topics and appropriate reading lists, or a 1,000 word glossary of key terms relevant to the unit area.

All units proposed to be taught in DSC mode must be individually approved by the relevant unit moderator.

Moderators need to approve the prepared reading list and the specific assessment tasks in order to satisfy themselves that the student could reasonably be expected to cover the breadth and the depth of the unit at a level consistent with classes taught in attendance mode. This should be clearly expressed so that the student knows what is required of them (hence the use of the term "contract").

In their reports to the Departmental Heads moderators are to comment explicitly on the performance of students studying in this mode.

- There is a 16 cp limit on the number of units that might be taken by any one student in DSC mode as part of the 32 cps maximum that can be taken in flexible mode in the BTh and MDiv.
- No more than 8 cps can be taken in DSC mode in any one field of study.
- All DSC mode units will be coded C ("contract") on the ACTh database.
- Tuition and ACT fees for DSC mode (and all other units in flexible mode) will be the same as those levied for units studied in attendance mode.