This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.
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<th><strong>Unit Name</strong></th>
<th>BS495 Directed Study</th>
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<td><strong>Nominal Duration</strong></td>
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| **Workload** | Topic readings, exercises, review of study materials 35 hours  
Reading and private study 35 hours  
Assignment preparation 50 hours  
TOTAL 120 hours |
| **Weight** | 10 credit points |
| **Unit Coordinator** | Dr Rod St Hill |
| **Teaching Staff** | Dr Rod St Hill |
| **Co / Prerequisite Units** | BS400 Christian Thinking on Management  
OR Permission of the Dean |
| **Core / Elective** | Graduate Certificate in Management: Not available  
Graduate Diploma in Management: Elective |
| **Rationale** | This unit gives students the opportunity to plan and implement study in areas of personal interest. Students may well be better equipped if they can develop a particular area of expertise building on previous experience, preparing for an area of specialisation, or integrating a particular area of study to other perspectives.  
It is expected that most projects would include both a theory and a practice component. The project will be supervised by an appropriate academic lecturer with skill and knowledge in the subject area.  
This unit provides the students with the resources and support for developing self-directed learning in a specific area of interest.  
Students are expected not only to be exposed to analytical aspects but also to be engaged in creative problem solving skills that are timely, relevant and culturally acceptable to the specific area of study that has potential value to student career development. |
| **Text Requirements** | Nil. Readings may be set by negotiation with the supervisor. |
| **Outcomes** | On completion of this unit, students will have provided evidence that they are able to:  
1. Develop a critical but sensitive review of the topic.  
2. Identify a significant, relevant and potentially solvable problem within the topic area.  
3. Select a research methodology in solving the problem which integrates theory with practice.  
4. Design and create a report that is likely to lead to a creative and workable solution.  
5. Record of an oral presentation to peers and organisational representatives sent to the lecturer via DVD or Video Tape. |
| **Content** | The program has no rigidly defined structure, but the student under the direction of an academic supervisor, will:  
1. analyse the selected topic  
2. perform a detailed analysis and review of the topic area  
3. identify a specific problem  
4. select an appropriate research methodology to analyse the problem  
5. collect data relating to the identified problem  
6. analyse the data and make recommendations  
7. prepare a written report discussing the above factors |
### Assessment

**Assessment Task #1 – Proposal** (Relates to Outcomes 3, 4)

The Proposal should clearly:

1. identify the projects purpose, goals, scope, learning objectives
2. list literature resources relevant to the project
3. define the strategy for achieving the specific tasks involved in achieving the goals
4. outline the supervisory process, resources required and availability
5. specify the method and criteria for evaluation of progress
6. state the dates for progress reports to the supervisor (the frequency and content of these dates will be determined in consultation with the supervisor)
7. identify dates for the Interim Report, Oral Presentation and Written Report. The report must be satisfactorily completed and submitted for approval prior to the commencement of the actual project.

Weighting: 10%  
Length: 500 words  
Due Date: Week 2

**Assessment Task #2 – Interim Report** (Relates to Outcomes 1-4)

The Interim Report explains the progress made to that point and will be submitted approximately half way through the Project. It should include a statement from the supervisor on the student’s progress and performance.

Weighting: 20%  
Length: 800 words  
Due Date: Week 8

**Assessment Task #3 – Final Report** (Relates to Outcomes 1-5)

This task consists of a written report to be submitted at the end of the project.

Weighting: 70%  
Length: 4000-4500 words  
Due Date: Week 12

### Academic & General Resource Requirements

As needed for any specific project.

### Unit Summary

This unit gives students the opportunity to plan and implement study in an area of personal interest. Students will be better equipped for their career by developing a particular area of expertise. The Directed Study unit provides students with the resources and support for developing self-directed learning in an approved area to encourage lifelong and continuous learning in today’s changing workplace.

Students are expected to be engaged in creative problem solving skills that are timely, relevant and culturally acceptable to a specific organisation in an area of study that is of potential value to their career development.