Coursework (according to Wiki)

Coursework is work performed by students or trainees for the purpose of learning. Coursework may be specified and assigned by teachers, or by learning guides in self-taught courses. Coursework can encompass a wide range of activities, including practice, experimentation, research, and writing (e.g., dissertations, book reports, and essays). In the case of students at universities, high schools and middle schools, coursework is often graded and the scores are combined with those of separately assessed exams to determine overall course scores. In contrast to exams, students may be allotted several days or weeks to complete coursework, and are often allowed to use text books, notes, and the Internet for research.

In universities, students are usually required to perform coursework to broaden knowledge, enhance research skills, and demonstrate that they can discuss, reason and construct practical outcomes from learned theoretical knowledge. Sometimes coursework is performed by a group so that students can learn both how to work in groups and from each other.

Plagiarism and other problems

Plagiarism and copying can be problematic in graded coursework. Easily accessible websites have given students opportunities to copy ideas and even complete essays, and remain undetected despite measures to detect this. While coursework may give learners the chance to improve their grades, it also provides an opportunity to "cheat the system". Also, there is often controversy regarding the type and amount of help students can receive while performing coursework. In most learning institutions,

plagiarism or unreasonable coursework help may lead to coursework disqualification, student expulsion, or both.

In the UK

Coursework was removed from UK GCSE courses and replaced by "Controlled Assessment", much of which must be completed under exam conditions, without teacher assistance and with access to resources tightly controlled in order to reduce the possibility of cheating. However, this too will shortly be largely removed and replaced by mainly exam-based assessment as part of a general GCSE reform.

What is coursework? (https://help.cambridgeinternational.org/)

Coursework refers to any component specified by a syllabus that is assessed in the school by the school's teachers or other local teachers and moderated by Cambridge. Examples of such coursework are:

- projects
- folios of essays
- field work
- art and craft items
- design studies
- internally set and assessed Speaking Tests
- practical work
- assignments and experiments undertaken and assessed during the course

Coursework may include work for which the theme, experiment or parameters of a project have been set by the teacher, or specified in the syllabus, or chosen by the students themselves.

What is the difference between postgraduate coursework and research programs?

Postgraduate coursework programs have a structure consisting of core, optional and elective units and therefore require enrolment in these units, attendance at any

timetabled classes and completion of required assignments. Some postgraduate courses and units are now available through online study and attendance is not required. Most Master by Coursework courses have a research element and may require the completion of a minor thesis.

Postgraduate research qualifications are awarded following the completion of a major thesis, involving independent original research, under the supervision of a senior academic. Students may be required to undertake some units to expand their skills, but this is decided on an individual basis. Progress on the courses is assessed through reports from student and supervisor to the relevant graduate studies committee, not through required assignments.

What's the difference between a Masters by Coursework and a Masters by Research?

A Masters by Coursework is a professional qualification involving the study of a specified set of core units and a selection of eligible elective units. Undertaking a coursework program will mean that you will attend classes, complete assignments and sit exams where applicable. Some Masters by coursework also require the completion of a minor thesis as part of the course. Dependent on the course, part-time and online study options are available.

A Masters by Research involves the submission of a completed thesis based on an independent research project. Students studying a Masters by Research work independently with the support of a supervisor and the School. Students may be required to attend units to help expand skills in the area of research.

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