

## **How is my Honours thesis assessed?**

Your thesis will be examined by two examiners. The examiners independently read your thesis and write a report. The examiners will judge your thesis according to **FIVE** criteria. Each of these criteria is assigned an Honours mark. The examiners then meet and decide upon an overall mark, which takes into account their evaluation on each of the criteria.

These criteria are:

- 1. Overview of the thesis**
- 2. Research skills, including use of primary sources**
- 3. Critical familiarity with the relevant historiography**
- 4. Originality, clarity and strength of argument**
- 5. Structure, style, and presentation.**

**Honours theses** must receive a mark within the Honours grades (H3 (65-69) – H1 (80-100) in order to pass. A thesis receiving a mark below 65 will not be able to pass.

**Postgraduate Diploma theses** can receive a mark within the full range from P (50-64) to H1 (80-100).