207-203 Techniques of Resource Assessment

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Twenty-four hours of lectures and 36 hours of practicals including a 3 day mid- semester field trip. Students are expected to undertake additional study of at least one hour for each hour of contact Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry. It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability
Coordinator:	Dr Graham Brodie
Subject Overview:	This subject introduces the student to surveying, basic land survey methodology and instruments, and field experience. This will involve soil, plant and animal surveys on a catchment scale.
	The subject will introduce techniques such as:
	# map reading, field surveying and global positioning systems;
	# soil, plant and animal surveys, and tree and forest measurement;
	# land capability assessment;
	# data-loggers, remote sensing, photogrammetry and GIS;
	# GIS remote sensing; and
	# appropriate sampling and analysis strategies.
	On completion of this subject the students should be able to:
	# understand the basic principles of mapping and performing land surveys;
	# describe the major techniques available to evaluate land and biological resources;
	# observe, sample and record data in field situations;
	# interpret results from the use of such techniques; and
	# understand how to apply them in a natural resource management context.

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Assessment:	A 3-hour end-of-semester examination (50%), one major assignment (up to 2000 words, 20%) and three practical reports (each up to 1000 words, each 10%).
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	Information Not Available
Breadth Options:	This subject is a level 2 or level 3 subject and is not available to new generation degree students as a breadth option in 2008. This subject or an equivalent will be available as breadth in the future. Breadth subjects are currently being developed and these existing subject details can be used as guide to the type of options that might be available. 2009 subjects to be offered as breadth will be finalised before re-enrolment for 2009 starts in early October.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Information Not Available
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Forest Science Bachelor of Forest Science Bachelor of Forest Science/Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Natural Resource Management Bachelor of Natural Resource Management

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