121-315 Fieldwork Research Project

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 1-hour weekly meeting with the supervisor/coordinator and a minimum of sixty five hours of research and writing during the semester Total Time Commitment: .
Prerequisites:	An advanced level of achievement (H1 or H2A standard) in at least 50 points of approved second/third year geography, environmental studies or subjects in your home faculty. Any student wishing to enrol must have written permission from the Head of School (see note above).
Corequisites:	
Recommended Background Knowledge:	
Non Allowed Subjects:	
Core Participation Requirements:	
Coordinator:	Assoc Prof Brian Finlayson
Subject Overview:	A special study based on field research in an area of interest arising from one or more geography/environmental studies or subjects taken by the student. Students will gain a thorough understanding of a particular geographical or environmental issue and how it relates to the broader perspective of the relevant discipline. The subject will demonstrate how to research and evaluate a wide range of literature sources for information on the chosen topic; and how to design, carry out and prepare a report which may involve the collection of some primary data. The subject is especially aimed at students who wish to engage in field-based research activities either in Australia or overseas.
Assessment:	A hurdle requirement of a 15-minute oral presentation 10% (due at the end of semester), a research proposal essay of 1000 words 20% (due mid-semester) and a research report of 3000 words 70% (due at the end of semester).
Prescribed Texts:	
Recommended Texts:	
Breadth Options:	This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses: # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/F04) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/A04) # Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/M05) You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	# have gained skills in the oral presentation of information and ideas to a small audience;

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	# demonstrate advanced research and presentation skills;
	# engage effectively with others in field situations;
	# work independently;
	# write concise reports or essays.
Notes:	This is a quota subject. Students wishing to take this subject for arts points must obtain written permission from the Head of the School of Social and Environmental Enquiry. Students wishing to take this subject for science points in a BSc degree must have their research proposal approved by the Associate Dean, Academic Programs, in the Faculty of Science. Students who have completed 121-434 Fieldwork Research Project may not enrol in this subject.
Related Course(s):	Diploma in Arts (Geography)
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Environmental Studies

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