

121-528 Major Thesis - Development Studies

Credit Points:	N/A Credit points are not assigned to the research thesis subjects that are offered as part of graduate research courses. The load or weight varies according to the duration and structure of the course, enrolment status (ie. full-time or part-time), etc.
Level:	Research Higher Degree
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Total Time Commitment: 5 contact hours/week, 35 additional hours/week. Total of 40 hours per week.
Prerequisites:	Admission to the Master of Arts program
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>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.</p> <p>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</p></p>
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Subject Overview:	The Development Studies Major thesis is designed for students to develop advanced skills in carrying out independent and sustained research in an area of Development. The thesis should demonstrate a critical application of specialist knowledge and make an independent contribution to existing scholarship in the area of research. Students who complete this subject will produce a 30,000 word thesis on a research project dealing with an area of Development; demonstrate an ability to present, argue and demonstrate a coherent hypothesis on an issue in Development Studies, supported by research and analysis; and demonstrate an aptitude for original research at a higher degree level in the future.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge in an area of study relating to development; # engage in the broader theoretical debates as they relate to development; # produce a substantial piece of written work; # make an original scholastic contribution; # develop advanced research skills.
Assessment:	one 30,000 word thesis
Prescribed Texts:	None
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.

Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># be able to think critically (for example, about development and its measures);# obtain information to evaluate propositions (about the principles of development);# write a coherent and empirically substantiated research paper;# defend that paper.
Related Course(s):	Master of Arts in Development Studies(Thesis only)