

136-508 Social Theory Thesis

Credit Points:	37.50
Level:	4 (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: Regular meetings with the supervisor over two consecutive semesters of enrolment Total Time Commitment: 2 contact hours/week, 8 additional hours/week. Total of 8.5 hours per week.
Prerequisites:	Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year combined honours in Social Theory, or a masters program and permission of the subject coordinator.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<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>
Coordinator:	Assoc Prof John Rundell
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Subject Overview:	An approved topic will be selected in consultation with the coordinator.
Objectives:	<p>At the completion of this project students project will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have knowledge of the major ideas and theories of classical and contemporary social theory; # have background in the classical and contemporary social theory on which to base further research and study in the area; # have experience of thinking systematically about difficult intellectual problems of an abstract nature; # have practice conducting research, speaking articulately, writing clearly and reading with attention to detail; # have experience with methods of critical analysis and argument employed in social theory, leading to improved general reasoning and analytical skills;
Assessment:	A 12,000 word thesis 100% (due at the end of the second semester of enrolment).
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:	# develop skills in written and oral communication;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># conduct independent research;# make appropriate use of primary and secondary sources in mounting an argument;# form defensible judgements based on a critical evaluation of conflicting arguments.
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Social Theory Social Theory