

513-902 Thesis Proposal

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 hours, taught over 3 designated days throughout the semester. Total Time Commitment: Students will be expected to devote a minimum of 60 hours in the 2nd year of the program to the proposal and to consult with supervisors as appropriate.
Prerequisites:	513-660 Graduate Research Methods or equivalent, 513-903 Thesis Design
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><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> </p>
Coordinator:	Dr Clarissa Leigh Martin
Subject Overview:	This subject enables students to develop in consultation with their supervisors a research proposal specific to their thesis topic. This will include methodology and ethics approval preparation. Students are expected to participate in an ethics peer review and defend their own ethics application at a mock Human Ethics Advisory Group meeting.
Objectives:	<p>On completion of this subject students will be able to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The ability to select a thesis topic in consultation with a research supervisor # An ability to apply research method and design principles in developing a research protocol # Present a research proposal and ethics application to a forum consisting of members of the academic staff and peers.
Assessment:	Research proposal - 4,000 words limit (70%), Ethics application and review (30%).
Prescribed Texts:	None
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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:	On completion of this subject, students will be able to demonstrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"># Skills in written scientific communication# Skills in oral communication and presentation# A respect for truth and intellectual integrity and for the ethics of research and scholarship# An ability to critically analyse published research
Links to further information:	http://www.physioth.unimelb.edu.au/programs/pgrad/index.html