

# POPH90201 Social Sciences Research Methods

Credit Points:	12.50								
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)								
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.								
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 36 hrs: 6 x 6 hrs symposia Total Time Commitment: 120 hours								
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Recommended Background Knowledge:	Background knowledge gained from undertaking 505-998 Principles of Social Research Design								
Non Allowed Subjects:	505-922 Research Methods in Social Health								
Core Participation Requirements:	-								
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Subject Overview:	The subject is focussed around students developing, presenting and workshopping research proposals for the topic to be undertaken in their research thesis. Teaching will concentrate on practical skills related to various social sciences research methods, and critical analysis and evaluation of research proposals. As part of this subject, students will be expected to participate in (a) exercises designed to enhance research skills and techniques; and (b) workshopping, analysis and criticism of each others' research proposals, providing feedback in the refinement of the research design and methodology.								
Objectives:	<div>On completion of this subject, students should:</div> <div># Have relevant training in social sciences research methods and techniques</div> <div># Understand the advantages and limitations of a variety of social science research methods</div> <div># Understand the relationship between research design and research methods</div> <div># Be able to justify the choice of research methods for a particular research question</div>								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have developed problem solving skills to deal with practical issues that arise in the conduct of social research</li> <li># Have developed the skills to carry out a critical review of the literature for the purpose of designing social sciences research</li> <li># Be able to develop a detailed proposal for their research topic.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Completion of reflective practice exercises on the undertaking of social sciences research methods up to a maximum of 2000 words (40%) due mid semester Completion of a detailed research proposal using social sciences research methods up to a maximum of 4000 words (60%) due at the end of semester.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Students will have access to electronic copies of relevant readings
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	None
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<p>On completion of the subject students will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Gained practical skills in social sciences research methods</li> <li># Refined analytic skills needed to plan and critically evaluate a research proposal</li> <li># Developed the ability to plan their own research work</li> <li># Developed strategies for dealing with problems that arise in the planning and conduct of research</li> <li># Gained skills in collection and interpretation of data</li> <li># Effective written and oral communication skills</li> </ul>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Health Social Sciences
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	Social Health Women's Health