

GEOG40008 Geography - Environmental Studies Thesis

Credit Points:	50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2012, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Regular meetings with the supervisor Total Time Commitment: 900 hours between the start of semester 1 and thesis submission at the end of semester 2 (around 225 hours for the 25pt subject; 450 for 50pt; and 378 hours for 37.5pt)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	An approved topic/research project selected in consultation with the supervisor/s. The student will also write a research proposal and give an oral presentation on the proposed research. The honours program in geography provides an opportunity for students to carry out an individual research project under the supervision of a staff member who is an expert in a related part of the discipline. Students will be enrolled in a combination of the thesis subjects indicated below to ensure they have completed a total of 75 points for the research project by the end of their course. Each of these subjects are available in semester one and semester two. GEOG40002 Geography – Environmental Studies Thesis – 25 points GEOG40007 Geography – Environmental Studies Thesis – 37.5 points GEOG40008 Geography – Environmental Studies Thesis – 50 points
Objectives:	The objectives of this subject are to: - develop an in-depth appreciation for the research process by carrying out a research project, including the inception of a proposition, planning, analysis, reporting and defending - encourage the development of individual investigative skills, critical thought and the ability to evaluate information and to analyse data - increase the student's knowledge and understanding of the discipline area; and - develop the student's academic research and academic writing skills.
Assessment:	The assessment requirements below are applicable to the entire 75 point Research project. A 3,000 word research proposal and a 15 minute research Project Talk (10%) due in the middle

	of semester 1A Thesis of a maximum of 15,000 words (80%) due at the end of semester 2A 25 minute oral presentation (10%) due towards the end of semester 2
Prescribed Texts:	Writing Theses: A Manual for Honours and Masters Students. (M Webber), Research Paper No.14, School of Anthropology, Geography & Environmental Studies, The University of Melbourne
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">- To demonstrate advanced communication skills, both written and oral;- To demonstrate the ability and self-confidence to comprehend complex debates and concepts.- To be capable of undertaking directed research.- Thinking critically;- Obtaining information to evaluate propositions.