

200 Point Master of Social Policy

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Overview:	<p>The Master of Social Policy offers a curriculum that reflects cutting edge theory in a number of professional development fields. Graduates will be equipped with the skills necessary for advanced community sector management and policy making, including the skills to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # analyse key areas of contemporary social policy: governance, inclusion\exclusion, social capital, globalisation etc; # engage with the social dimensions of social policy: race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, disability, age etc; # understand social policy as a contested process and apply research skills to a range of organisational contexts; # draw on a range of disciplines and take a comparative and global focus.
Learning Outcomes:	<p>Students who complete the Master of Social Policy should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # enhance their skills in research: through competent use of advanced information sources and retrieval of appropriate information; # have critical and theoretical thinking: through presentation of research papers, conceptualising theoretical problems, forming judgements and arguments from conflicting evidence, and by critical analysis; # develop time management and planning: through managing and organising workloads; # enhance their skills in team work: through small group discussions.
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>200 point program</p> <p>Duration: 2 years full-time / up to 4 years part-time</p> <p>The Master of Social Policy 200 point program requires:</p> <p>First 100 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # two compulsory subjects (37.5 points) # five elective subjects (62.5 points) <p>Second 100 points:</p> <p>Coursework Only Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # two compulsory subjects (25 points) # six elective subjects (75 points) <p>or</p> <p>Minor Thesis Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # two compulsory subjects (25 points) # thesis (37.5 points) # electives (37.5 points) <p>Please note the following:</p> <p>Written permission from the course coordinator is required for the minor thesis option.</p> <p>The minor thesis requires enrolment over two consecutive semesters.</p> <p>Capstone Requirement:</p> <p>All students are required to complete the Capstone Requirement for the program (at least 25 points). Students must complete one capstone option -</p>

Capstone Stream 1: Minor Thesis – Public/Social Policy (PPMN90002)

Purpose: An opportunity to integrate knowledge and research skills to address a research question; pathway to the PhD

Capstone Stream 2: Executive Internship (PPMN90039):

Purpose: An opportunity to apply knowledge and skills in social policy practice to solve problems that arise in professional contexts and develop an integrated understanding of research and practice

Capstone Stream 3: Social Research Design and Evaluation (SOCI90005) + Comparative Social Policy (SOCI90003)

Purpose: Multiple opportunities to acquire research methods skills and integrate knowledge and research skills to address a research question, project or substantial piece of work

For policies that govern this degree, see **Academic Services Policy** (<http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html>) in the **University Melbourne Policy Framework** (<http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/>) . Students also should also refer to information in the **Student Policy Directory**. (http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj)

Subject Options:**Compulsory Subjects - First 100 Points**

Two compulsory subjects (37.5 points) to be completed in the first hundred points of the program

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SOCI90002 Foundations of Social Policy	Semester 1	25
SOCI90005 Social Research Design and Evaluation	Semester 2	12.50

Compulsory Subjects - Second 100 Points

Two compulsory subjects (37.5 points) to be completed in the second hundred points of the program

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SOCI90003 Comparative Social Policy	Semester 2	12.50
SOCI90004 Contemporary Social Problems	Semester 2	12.50

Minor Thesis Option

Minor thesis (37.5 points)

Please note the following

Permission is required from the course coordinator in order to enrol in the minor thesis.

The thesis subject can only be completed in the second hundred points of the program.

The thesis requires two consecutive semesters of enrolment.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PPMN90002 Minor Thesis - Public /Social Policy	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75

Elective Subjects**First 100 points:**

five elective subjects (62.5 points)

Second 100 points:**Coursework Only Option**

six elective subjects (75 points)

or**Minor Thesis Option**

electives (37.5 points)

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ANTH90004 Migration and Development	Semester 1	12.50
CRIM40002 Qualitative Research Methods	Semester 1	12.50
CRIM40003 Drugs and Justice	Semester 2	12.50
CRIM40005 The New Punitiveness?	July	12.50
CRIM90020 Framing Crime	July	12.50
DEVT90035 Monitoring and Evaluation in Development	Semester 2	12.50
ECON90029 Economics For Public Policy	Semester 1	12.50
ENST90002 Social Impact Assessment and Evaluation	Semester 2	12.50
MULT50002 Indigenous Peoples in Global Context	February	12.50
POLS40017 Social Policy and Development	April, November	12.50
PPMN90003 Social Policy: Special Topics	March, Semester 1	12.50
PPMN90039 Executive Internship	Semester 1, Semester 2	25
SCWK50002 Program Planning and Evaluation	Not offered 2014	12.50
SCWK90022 Social Policy Analysis	Not offered 2014	12.50
SCWK90025 Ageing, Social Work & Social Policy	Not offered 2014	12.50
SOCI90005 Social Research Design and Evaluation	Semester 2	12.50
SOCI90006 Ageing, Society And Social Policy	March	12.50
SOCI90009 A Century of Australian Social Policy	Not offered 2014	12.50
SOTH90005 Social Inclusion, Politics, Recognition	October	12.50
SOTH90006 Social Inclusion Policy and Practice	May	12.50

Links to further information:<http://www.ssps.unimelb.edu.au/>**Related Course(s):**

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