

AGRI90064 Minor Research Project

Credit Points:	12.5												
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)												
Dates & Locations:	2015, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. Students must undertake this subject in two consecutive semesters to achieve the required 25 points of the Minor Project.												
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: One hour per week class time, scheduled supervisor meetings plus individual project work. Meeting frequency / duration to be agreed with the project supervisor. Total Time Commitment: 170 hours												
Prerequisites:	Eligibility for honours or postgraduate degree - Undertaking a research project is conditional upon obtaining approval from a supervisor with consideration to appropriate subjects undertaken in their Masters.												
Corequisites:	None												
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None												
Non Allowed Subjects:	Students who have completed the subjects below are not eligible to enrol in this subject; <table><tr><th>Subject</th><th>Study Period Commencement:</th><th>Credit Points:</th></tr><tr><td>AGRI90070 Minor Research Project</td><td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>AGRI90065 Major Research Project</td><td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>AGRI90072 Major Research Project</td><td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td><td>50</td></tr></table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	AGRI90070 Minor Research Project	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	AGRI90065 Major Research Project	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	AGRI90072 Major Research Project	Semester 1, Semester 2	50
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Core Participation Requirements:	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. This course requires all students to enrol in subjects where they must actively and safely contribute to field excursions and laboratory activities. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Subject Coordinator and Disability Liaison http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ students email: disability-liaison@unimelb.edu.au												
Coordinator:	Mr Peter Mcsweeney												
Contact:	peterm1@unimelb.edu.au (mailto:peterm1@unimelb.edu.au)												
Subject Overview:	This subject enables students to conduct an original research topic under supervision, as approved by an academic project supervisor. The work commitment over the two semesters will be equivalent to lecture and practical based subjects worth 25 points. The content and extent of the project will be determined by a project supervisor in consultation with the student and subject coordinator. Students are strongly encouraged to initiate project ideas within existing networks or to identify a project topic of keen interest, through discussion with the Faculty staff, prior to subject commencement. The project represents a capstone subject and comprises a review of a body of relevant literature, together with a critical evaluation of research or experimental protocols, a modest original experiment, or limited exploration of a scientific problem, or an investigation into a problem using an approved methodology. Following an initial workshop to establish subject expectations, deliverables and skill base requirements, projects will generally involve regular meetings with their supervisor where students report on progress.												

	difficulties and research plans. Other workshops will deliver skill development in oral and written report presentation.
Learning Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Undertake a minor original research project as a capstone learning activity on a topic in a Faculty-supported disciplinary area; # Integration and application of disciplinary knowledge and skills to an independently generated research question and investigation; # Analyse and synthesize salient features and important theoretical, methodological and empirical trends in published literature and data; # Present research findings in clear, concise and persuasive written and verbal forms.
Assessment:	Assessment in this subject will include: 1,500 word project proposal (worth 30%). A pass in the project proposal is a hurdle requirement. 5,000 - 10,000 word final report due at the end of the SWOTVAC period (worth 50%) 15 minute oral presentation due Week 12 (worth 20%).
Prescribed Texts:	Information Not Available
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:	<p>On completion of this subject students will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # the capacity to articulate knowledge and understanding in oral and written presentations, and to allow informed dialogue with individuals and groups from industry, government and the community; # the ability to evaluate and synthesise the research and professional literature in the discipline; and # the capacity to develop independent critical thought, rational inquiry and self-directed learning and research.
Notes:	If you are enrolling in this subject please ensure you enrol in two consecutive semesters to achieve the required 25 points. Your Student Centre can assist with your enrolment in this subject.
Related Course(s):	Master of Agribusiness Master of Agribusiness (Coursework) Master of Agricultural Science Master of Animal Science Master of Food Science Master of Wine Technology and Viticulture
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	100 Point (B) Master of Agricultural Sciences 150 Point Master of Agricultural Sciences 200 Point Master of Agricultural Sciences