MULT20003 Critical Analytical Skills

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	2 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2015, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Thirty contact hours. 1 x 1.5 hour lecture and 1 x 1.5 hour tutorial per week for 10 weeks. The lecture and tutorial programs are staggerred and cover the 12 weeks of semester. Total Time Commitment: Total of 170 hours
Prerequisites:	Completion of 25 points of first year Criminology, Sociology or Politics and International Studies OR 25 points of approved Arts Foundation/Interdisciplinary Foundation (IDF) subjects OR 25 points comprising of 12.5 points first year Criminology, Sociology or Politics and International Studies and 12.5 points comprising Arts Foundation/Interdisciplinary Foundation subjects.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Politics & International Studies or Criminology or Sociology at Level 1
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:	This subject introduces students to the fundamental analytic skills that are used in social science research. It provides an introduction to the theoretical and epistemological foundations of social science research, familiarises students with the different methods of inquiry in the social sciences and provides an overview of key historical and contemporary debates and trends. Different theoretical approaches and their associated methods of inquiry will be introduced through practical examples in order to show their strengths and limitations.
Learning Outcomes:	On completion of this subject students should: # List, describe and compare the theoretical and epistemological foundations of social science research and understand ethical issues associated with research; # Critically understand, appreciate and recognize different theoretical perspectives in the social sciences, and different methods of research (both qualitative and quantitative); # Learn to critique their own and others' work while identifying theoretical approaches and methods of inquiry that are used; # Compare and contrast the strengths and weaknesses of different methods of research and learn writing effectively to an academic audience; # Work effectively in groups and negotiate any problems that may arise in doing so; # Develop practical and analytical skills that will be useful upon entering the workforce.
Assessment:	In class practical tests equivalent to 1000 words (30%) held during the semester; group work with peer assessment, equivalent to 1000 words (20%) due mid-semester, and a 2000 word

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	research essay (50%) due during the examination period. Hurdle Requirement: This subject has a minimum Hurdle Requirement of 75% Tutorial attendance. Regular participation in tutorials is required. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per working day. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.
Prescribed Texts:	Required readings will be available electronically via the subject's LMS site prior to the commencement of semester.
Breadth Options:	This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses: # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-BMED) # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-COM) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-ENVS) # Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-MUS) # Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-SCI) # Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-ENG) You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Notes:	MULT20003 <i>Critical Analytical Skills</i> is a compulsory subject for students majoring in Politics and International Studies, or Criminology, or Sociology. This subject is also compulsory in the Graduate Diploma in Arts (Politics and International Studies), (Criminology), (Sociology).
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Anthropology Criminology Criminology Criminology Criminology Criminology Criminology Major Political Science Major Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies Sociology Sociology Sociology

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