

POLS40013 Social Science Research Seminar

Credit Points:	12.5																																													
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)																																													
Dates & Locations:	2015, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: February, Parkville - Taught on campus.																																													
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm 23 - 26 February 2015. A 4-day intensive course of lectures and workshops, scheduled one week prior to the commencement of Semester 1. Total Time Commitment: 170 hours																																													
Prerequisites:	None																																													
Corequisites:	<p>Students completing an Honours, Postgraduate Diploma or Masters (CWT) thesis in the following areas of study must complete this subject:</p> <p>Political Science Politics and International Studies/Politics Criminology Sociology Socio-Legal Studies International Relations Public Policy and Management</p> <p>Students who commence the thesis in semester 2 will be required to complete POLS40013 in the February of the following year.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POLS40011 Political Science Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POLS40012 International Politics Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPMN40005 Public Policy & Management Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPMN90002 Minor Thesis - Public /Social Policy</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POLS90027 International Relations Minor Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CRIM40006 Criminology Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CRIM90005 Minor Thesis - Criminology</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOLS40001 Socio-Legal Studies Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOCI40002 Sociology Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HIST90031 International Relations Minor Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CRIM40007 Criminology Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POLS40020 Politics & International Studies Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOCI40005 Sociology Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PADM90004 Minor Thesis - Public Administration</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POLS40011 Political Science Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	POLS40012 International Politics Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	PPMN40005 Public Policy & Management Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	PPMN90002 Minor Thesis - Public /Social Policy	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	POLS90027 International Relations Minor Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	CRIM40006 Criminology Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	CRIM90005 Minor Thesis - Criminology	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	SOLS40001 Socio-Legal Studies Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	SOCI40002 Sociology Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	HIST90031 International Relations Minor Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	CRIM40007 Criminology Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	POLS40020 Politics & International Studies Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	SOCI40005 Sociology Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	PADM90004 Minor Thesis - Public Administration	Semester 1, Semester 2	25
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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 is designed to develop research skills for students planning and writing research theses in the School of Social and Political Sciences. The subject explores contemporary research strategies, differing methodological approaches to social research, the relationship of theory and research, and practical issues concerned with designing thesis topics and their realization through the research process, including the management of ethics principles and procedures. The subject gives special attention to the design of problem-driven research. It will assist students to develop skills in thesis preparation and development as well as in the framing of research projects, more generally. The subject is taught through a combination of lectures, workshops and seminars.
Learning Outcomes:	On completion of this subjects students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Have an understanding of the theoretical, methodological, resource and ethical considerations of relevance in designing a social science research project; # Have an appreciation of the role of theory in the framing of social research; # Have a sense of the need to identify appropriate research strategies when undertaking research; # Have an awareness of the analytical and organizational skills required in social science research; # Have completed a fully developed research proposal for their thesis.
Assessment:	A research proposal study of 5000 words, worth 100% (due in April). Hurdle Requirement: As this is an Intensively-taught subject, Lecture/Seminar attendance is compulsory on all 4 days. Regular participation in class 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:	A subject reader will be 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:	On completion of this subject students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to apply research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry; # be able to develop persuasive arguments on a given topic; # be able to communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively and articulately.
Notes:	This is a compulsory subject for students enrolled in the following Honours programs: Politics and International Studies, Criminology, Sociology, and the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Politicals and International Politics), (Criminology), (Sociology). This is also a compulsory co-requisite subject for students who are enrolled in the thesis component of the Master of International Relations, Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Criminology and Master of Public Administration.

	This subject will run intensively from 23 - 26 February 2015.
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	100 Point Master of Criminology 100 Point Master of International Relations 100 Point Master of Public Policy and Management 150 Point Master of Criminology 150 Point Master of Public Policy and Management 200 Point Master of Criminology 200 Point Master of International Relations 200 Point Master of Public Policy and Management Anthropology Anthropology Anthropology Criminology Criminology Criminology Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies Public Policy and Management Public Policy and Management Social Theory Social Theory Socio-Legal Studies Socio-Legal Studies Sociology Sociology Sociology