

# GEOG90008 Advanced Reading in Geography

**Credit Points:** 12.5

**Level:** 9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)

**Dates & Locations:** This subject is not offered in 2016.

**Time Commitment:** Contact Hours: N/A Total Time Commitment: It is expected that students will undertake 170 hours of private study.

**Prerequisites:** Students must have completed the following subject, or equivalent:
 

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
GEOG30003 Geographical Thought	Semester 1	12.50

**Corequisites:** One of the following subjects must be taken in the same study period:
 

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
MAST90007 Statistics for Research Workers	July	12.50
AGRI90075 Research Methods For Life Sciences	Semester 1	12.50
NRMT90003 Social Research Methods	Semester 1	12.50

**Recommended Background Knowledge:** An undergraduate degree majoring in Geography or similar (e.g. Environmental Studies).

**Non Allowed Subjects:**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
GEOG90018 Contemporary Geographical Thought	Not offered 2016	12.50

**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](mailto:disability-liaison@unimelb.edu.au)

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**Subject Overview:** This subject provides students with an advanced understanding of the philosophy, history and contemporary issues in geography. Students will undertake a series of directed readings resulting in three essays, two of which are on a topic approved by the program coordinator. For the first essay, the area of study includes: what is meant by "geography"; what problems have been and are being faced by geography as an academic discipline; what makes geography valuable (or not!) as a discipline; what "matters" are compelling, and in what sense and what role can or should geography play. For the other essays, students will conduct a survey of the literature on two contemporary research issues in geography.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- # To understand the current directions of research in geography;
- # To gain in-depth grounding in the history, philosophy and scope of the discipline of geography;
- # To gain advanced awareness of the methodological principles underlying geographical research, and the central findings of those research programs; and

	# To obtain knowledge in some of the cutting edge contemporary issues in geographical research.
<b>Assessment:</b>	Essay 1 – History and Philosophy of Geography or Contemporary Issues in Geography (3500 words), due end of week 6: 75%; Essay 2 – Seminar Diary (1500 words), due end of week 12: 25%.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Nil
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	# To demonstrate advanced literature research and written communication skills; and # To demonstrate the ability and self-confidence to comprehend complex contemporary geographical debates and concepts.
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Science (Geography)
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	Master of Science (Ecosystem Science) - Discipline Elective subjects