

# 102-PS Master of Arts (Policy Studies)(Advanced Seminars & Shorter Thesis)

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2008																				
<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>																				
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The program allows students to combine coursework with extensive independent research in policy studies. Students will produce a work of original research that reveals an awareness of the latest research and theoretical directions within their chosen sub-discipline of international politics.</p> <p>The program is taken over 1.5 years (full-time, or longer for part-time), consisting of compulsory seminars on policy design, policy research methods or social policy and social capital, and a thesis of 20,000 words. Candidates may advance to the Doctor of Philosophy degree after successful completion of the Masters or may apply to convert to the PhD at an earlier stage. An Honours grade of at least a H2B (70%) average must be attained in the respective thesis and advanced seminar components of the course to qualify for the award of the masters degree.</p> <p><b>Course coordinator:</b>          Jenny Lewis          School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology          Email: <a href="mailto:jmlewis@unimelb.edu.au">jmlewis@unimelb.edu.au</a></p>																				
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have an advanced understanding of the major debates in contemporary policy development and analysis;</li> <li># have developed a specialised knowledge in one or more areas of policy development and analysis;</li> <li># have produced a shorter thesis based on original research that reveals an awareness of the latest research and theoretical directions within their chosen sub-discipline of policy studies.</li> </ul>																				
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	Thesis of 20,000 - 22,000 words and a 25-point core subject <b>OR</b> Thesis of 20,000 - 22,000 words and 166-518 Policy Research Methods (12.5 points) and one elective subject (12.5 points) Total points per year 100.																				
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<b>Elective Units:</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Study Period Commencement: Credit Points:</b>
166-518 Policy Research Methods	Not offered 2008 12.500
166-530 Environmental Policy	2 12.500
166-537 Health Politics, Policy & Governance	Semester 1 12.50
196-507 Social Policy Analysis	Not offered 2008 12.500
196-515 Managing Human Service Organisations	Semester 1 12.50
196-516 Ageing, Social Work & Social Policy	2 12.500
196-524 Managing People in the Human Services	Not offered 2008 12.500

  

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	<p>A four-year BA (Honours) degree with a research component or equivalent in the appropriate area of study or closely related area. The grade for the honours thesis component must be at least equivalent to an H2A (75%) at The University of Melbourne and the overall honours result must be at least equivalent to an H2B (70%).</p> <p>Applicants must include a thesis proposal of 600 words with their application. The primary basis for selection is academic merit, however, consideration will also be given to the quality of the thesis proposal, research potential, and the availability of an appropriate supervisor. Academic references may be required to assess the applicant's eligibility.</p>
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p&gt;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. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<p><a href="http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/pscs/">http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/pscs/</a></p>