

166-413 Communication and Governance

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in political science, public policy and management or sociology or postgraduate coursework programs in political science.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>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.</p> <p>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: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
Coordinator:	Dr Michael Crozier
Subject Overview:	<p>This subject critically investigates the changing forms of governance in democratic polities in the wake of the informational age. Using communication as a central analytical category, the subject considers how democratic political systems are coping with increasing societal dynamism, diversity and complexity. It explores and critically examines the proposition that contemporary governance is essentially a communications challenge. The types of issues covered include the impact of new ICTs and information systems on political and social patterns, the proliferation of strategic communication practices, the media democracy thesis, democratic deficits and public consultation, and leadership as crisis management. On completion of this subject students should have a critical understanding of key configurations of contemporary governance as communication.</p>
Assessment:	A research essay proposal of 500 words, due one week after the presentation, worth 10%; and a research essay of 4500 words, due in the examination period, worth 90%.
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended 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:	<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:	Formerly available as 166-481, 166-066 and 166 413 Network Society. Students who have completed 166-481/166-066 or Network Society are not eligible to enrol in this subject.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Public Policy and Management Bachelor of Public Policy and Management(Honours) Master of Arts (Global Journalism) Master of Arts (Global Media Communication) Master of Global Media Communication Master of Public Policy and Management (Coursework) Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Political Science) Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Public Policy and Management) Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Sociology) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Media and Communication) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Political Science) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Public Policy and Management) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Sociology)