

166-418 Corruption in Today's World

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| Credit Points: | 12.500 |
| Level: | Undergraduate |
| Dates & Locations: | This subject is not offered in 2008. * |
| Time Commitment: | Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: * |
| Prerequisites: | Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in political science or postgraduate coursework programs in political science. |
| Corequisites: | * |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | * |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | * |
| Core Participation Requirements: | * |
| Coordinator: | Prof Leslie Holmes |
| Subject Overview: | This subject focuses on definitions, types and theories of corruption, and on its political, social and economic effects in various parts of the world, particularly since the 1980s. The subject asks students to problematise the concept of corruption in terms of its varied meanings in different cultures, and to distinguish it from concepts such as organised crime, shadow economy, and political sleaze. One major issue considered is the extent to which corruption can delegitimise political systems. The subject will explore cultural diversity in interpretations of corruption, and the extent to which different cultural and systemic factors appear to exacerbate or reduce corruption. There will be a particular focus on the possible connections between corruption and neo-liberalism. On completion, students should have a sophisticated understanding of corruption in the contemporary world, what causes it, how it is measured, and how it is combated. Students should also be able to provide an advanced cost-benefit analysis of corruption in political, economic and social terms. |
| Assessment: | An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester). In addition, students will be required to introduce one aspect of a given seminar's theme and provide a one-page summary of their talk to the other members of the group at the start of their presentation. |
| Prescribed Texts: | Prescribed Texts:A subject reader will be provided. |
| 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; # be able to develop persuasive arguments; # able to communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively. |
| Related Course(s): | Master of International Politics Master of International Studies Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (International Politics) Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Political Science) Postgraduate Certificate in International Studies Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (International Politics) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Political Science) Postgraduate Diploma in International Studies |