

166-470 Contemporary Issues in 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: *
Prerequisites:	Admission to the MPPM or MSP two year program or the Bachelor of Public Policy and Management fourth-year Pass or Honours program, or the Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma in Public Policy and Management.
Corequisites:	*
Recommended Background Knowledge:	*
Non Allowed Subjects:	*
Core Participation Requirements:	*
Coordinator:	Dr Jo Barraket
Subject Overview:	This subject examines contemporary issues in public policy in Australia and internationally. Students will investigate traditional and emerging governance models, with an emphasis on the changing nature of governance in the network society. The subject will examine the increasing role of civil society and other non-government actors in policy discourses which invoke 'partnerships', 'networking' and 'third way politics'. The subject will combine theoretical work on the nature of contemporary governance with studies of current policy and program debates. On completion of this subject students should have a well developed critical understanding of a range of governance models operating in contemporary society; understand the implications of emergent governance models for civil society and other non-government actors; understand the relationship(s) between global influences and emerging governance frameworks; have developed the analytical skills necessary to apply the above knowledge to critical evaluation of policy development and implementation in Australian and international contexts.
Assessment:	A 1000-word essay 25% (due early April) and a 4000-word essay 75% (due during the examination period).
Prescribed Texts:	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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # show competence in critical, creative and theoretical thinking through essay writing, seminar discussion and presentations, conceptualising theoretical problems, forming judgements and arguments from conflicting evidence, and by critical analysis; # demonstrate proficiency in the application of policy analysis skills to empirical problems; # demonstrate an understanding of the academic protocols of research and presentation.
Notes:	This subject is a core (compulsory) subject in the MPPM two year program.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Public Policy and Management Bachelor of Public Policy and Management(Honours)

Master of Public Policy and Management (Coursework)
Master of Social Policy
Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Public Policy and Management)
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Public Policy and Management)