

166-549 Business and Government

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Admission to the Master of Public Policy and Management one-year program.
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:	Prof Brian Galligan
Subject Overview:	<p>The respective roles and interactions between business and government are crucial for the political economy of a country. Because of its productive function, business enjoys a privileged position with government, while a major part of government is concerned with the monitoring and managing of business. The structure and role of both have been changing rapidly in recent times, as have the conceptual tools for understanding them. This subject critically reviews contemporary writing and developments and uses case examples to familiarise students with theoretical, normative and practical issues for both sides of this important relationship. On completion of the subject, students should have an understanding of the character and inter-relationship of business and government in contemporary society including: changing private and public sector boundaries; the re-configuration of the mixed economy; the neo-liberal paradigm and its critics; the impact on business of the socio-political environment; the role of interest groups in public policy; changing expectations of corporate governance; the role of business advocacy; government regulation of business; alternatives of self regulation and co-regulation; the effects of globalisation; the growth of the transnational corporations.</p>
Assessment:	A review essay of 1500 words 30% (due mid-semester) and a research paper of 3500 words 70% (due during the examination period).
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:	# be able to apply research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry;
Related Course(s):	Master of Public Policy and Management (Coursework)