

196-210 Social Work Practice with Communities

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. On campus
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour seminar per week, for 10 weeks Total Time Commitment: Students are expected to devote approximately 8 hours per week to this subject. (30 contact hours, 25 hours class preparation and reading, 25 hours assessment related tasks)
Prerequisites:	Admission into the Bachelor of Social Work course.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	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 courses. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Course Coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
Coordinator:	To be advised
Subject Overview:	This subject will encourage a critical approach to social work practice with communities as a means of building social infrastructure and services to meet the needs of individuals and families. The subject has a specific focus on the use of community practice to address poverty. Students will increase their understanding of community practice and develop community work skills through planning and participating in community action, as well as exploring innovative methods and sites of community work.
Assessment:	Two written essays of 2000 words each, each 50% (due midway and at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum 80% attendance of seminars required.
Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester Community Practice in Australia (W Weeks L Hoatson & J Dixon), Pearson Educational Australia 2003
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 critically analyse texts and practices; # be able to understand social, cultural, organisational and ethical contexts of practice; # be able to link theory to practice; # be able to communicate in speech and writing in ways relevant to both academic and practice contexts; # be able to undertake independent research.
Links to further information:	http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/
Notes:	Formerly available as 196-410. Students who have completed 196-410 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

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