

196-523 Serious Mental Illness:Policy & Practice

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2008. On campus
Time Commitment:	Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Qualifying degree in Social Work, Nursing, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy or related discipline
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:	Dr Lynette Joubert
Subject Overview:	The focus of this subject is on the clinical and social aspects of serious mental illness. Developments in the treatment of mental illness have led in recent years to the de-institutionalisation of mental health services. This has resulted in a focus on community mental health and changing roles for members of the mental health team. Consideration will be given to exploring and understanding the importance of the experience of treatment and the effect of serious mental illness. This will include discussion of biological psychiatry's contribution to treatment, the exploration of community perspectives and the importance of psychosocial rehabilitation.
Assessment:	A written assignment totalling 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).
Prescribed Texts:	n/a
Recommended Texts:	A reading pack will be available for purchase.
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"> # communicate their knowledge about the understanding of serious mental illness in relation to policy and service provision; # think creatively about the contribution of social work theory and practice to policy and service provision in serious mental illness; # critically analyse and contribute to the development of current theoretical models of community based mental health care.
Links to further information:	http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/
Notes:	n/a
Related Course(s):	Master of Social Work (Advanced Seminars and Shorter Thesis) Master of Social Work (Mental Health) (Adv Seminars & Shorter Thesis)