

208-820 Research Study in Agricultural Science

Credit Points:	25.000
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Individual supervision; at least one tutorial per week Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
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><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> </p>
Subject Overview:	The objective of the subject is to engage students in research and enable the acquisition of research skills; increase students' knowledge and understanding of the relevant discipline and awareness of current developments and issues relating to the discipline; develop independent and critical thinking; improve oral and written communication skills.
Assessment:	Assessment requirements are defined at the start of each study and included in the research contract. Outputs to be assessed will be broadly equivalent to a 10,000-word written assignment and may comprise a single output or combinations of outputs including written papers; seminar presentation; experiments; laboratory analyses; statistical analysis of existing datasets, etc.
Prescribed Texts:	None
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:	The specific objectives of the study are determined individually for each candidate, in relation to their expressed research interests. The scope and content of the research project is discussed between the candidate, nominated study supervisor and Subject Coordinator, and confirmed in writing as a research contract. The candidate is required to define a researchable question and prepare a research protocol, which outlines a program of study to address the question proposed. The protocol should include a title, brief background to the researchable question; statement of objectives, proposed method of exploration such as a literature review, experiment or survey, and a proposed schedule of activities. Required outputs from the study must be specified in the research contract, together with submission deadlines for each output.