

116-500 Spanish Thesis

Credit Points:	37.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Regular meetings with the supervisor over two consecutive semesters of enrolment and a 1-hour weekly seminar in the first semester of enrolment Total Time Commitment: 1 contact hours/week , 7 additional hours/week. Total of 8 hours per week.
Prerequisites:	Admission to the post graduate diploma or fourth year honours in Spanish.
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>
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Subject Overview:	The honours thesis in Spanish provides students with the opportunity to develop research techniques and to benefit from the experience of researching and writing an independent research project on a topic of their choice. The thesis is normally written in Spanish but special permission may be obtained from the head of the Spanish section for the thesis to be written in English. The main areas of specialisation are Spanish linguistics, Hispanic cultural studies, and Spanish literature. It is also possible to negotiate theses on other topics with the permission of the Head of the Spanish section after consultation with the appropriate lecturer.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have advanced academic expository writing competence in Spanish (or in English); # have a sound and thorough knowledge of the secondary literature in the field; # have detailed analytical skills as applied to their specific corpus; # have precision as well as breadth in their knowledge of the topic; # have mastery in the formulation of problems in their field; # critical acumen in their reading of the secondary literature; # have acquired an understanding of the relevant methodologies in their field and mastery of the relation between problem formulation, methodological and substantive analysis.
Assessment:	A thesis of 12 000 words (a 1000 word summary in Spanish is required when the thesis is in English) 100% (due at the end of the second semester of enrolment).
Prescribed Texts:	Materials on "Research Methods" compiled by the Department.
Recommended Texts:	Not Applicable. The building of a thorough reading list for the topic is part of the subject.

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"> # have developed research skills, through frequent and systematic use of the library and other information sources, the definition of areas of inquiry and familiarisation with research methods; # have developed critical thinking and analysis; # have developed an understanding of social, political, historical and cultural contexts and international awareness/openness to the world: through the contextualisation of judgements and knowledge, developing a critical self-awareness, being open to new ideas and new aspects of Hispanic culture and by forming arguments; # communicating knowledge intelligibly and economically; # attention to detail; # have developed time management skills.
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Spanish