

121-403 Geography Coursework

Credit Points:	50.00
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 contact with the supervisor plus a total of ninety two contact hours comprising twelve hours of contact in each of three research methods modules (36 hours), twelve 1-hour formal contact sessions with the supervisor of the literature review (12 hours), thirty six hours of formal seminars on research design, philosophy and scope of the discipline and eight hours of oral project presentation Total Time Commitment: .
Prerequisites:	Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in geography.
Corequisites:	.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	.
Non Allowed Subjects:	.
Core Participation Requirements:	.
Coordinator:	Assoc Prof Mark Wang
Subject Overview:	The subject comprises three components: a course of lectures and seminars, held throughout the year, which addresses a range of issues related to contemporary research in geography and to the historical and philosophical evolution of the discipline; preparation of an extended review of the literature related to the subject matter of the student's individual thesis, covering both specific research in this area, and also the broader context within which the review is situated; research methodology lectures and practical exercises covering three methodology areas chosen from the following possible list: Descriptive Statistics, Inferential Statistics, Geographical Information Systems, Geocomputing, Library Information Retrieval, Electronic Focus Groups, Qualitative Research Methods, Field Methods and Research Ethics. Choice of research methods must be approved by the Geography Honours Coordinator.
Assessment:	A total of 20 000 words comprising a research proposal of 2000 words, a literature review of 6000 words 35%, practical exercises on research methods for three elective modules totalling 6000 words 30%, an essay and short seminar papers totalling 4000 words 25% and two oral presentations totalling 40 minutes on research proposal and research results of 2000 words 10%.
Prescribed Texts:	.
Recommended Texts:	.
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"> # Thinking critically (for example, about geography and its measures); # Obtaining information to evaluate propositions (about the principles of geography); # Writing coherent and researched essays;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># Using different research skills;# Writing coherent and researched projects.
Notes:	In this subject research modules are offered in intensive mode over summer. Students should consult Dr Ray Wyatt, the modules coordinator, for details by November in the year prior to enrolment.
Related Course(s):	Diploma in Arts (Geography)
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Geography Geography