

121-544 International Internship

Credit Points:	25.00
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Summer Term, - Taught on campus. Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Regular contact with subject co-ordinator throughout semester, 150 contact hours during internship placement, plus a one-day group presentation workshop to be held in the second last week of semester Total Time Commitment: 2 hrs contact each week, 12 additional hours each week. Total of 14 hours per week.
Prerequisites:	Completion of 25 points of development studies subjects and permission of subject coordinator
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:	INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP IS AN ELECTIVE (25 CREDIT POINTS) SUBJECT AVAILABLE TO MASTERS LEVEL STUDENTS IN DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND VARIOUS COGNATE DISCIPLINES AND FIELDS OF STUDY. IT PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN EXPOSURE TO A DIFFERENT CULTURAL, SOCIO-POLITICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT AND TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN 'THEORY' AND 'PRACTICE' IN DEVELOPMENT OR THEIR RELATED FIELD OF STUDY. THE BROAD AIM OF THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IS THUS TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS TO GAIN INVALUABLE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND BUILD THEIR INDIVIDUAL 'INDUSTRY' NETWORKS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE AND EXPECTATIONS OF WORK IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD OR AREA OF INTEREST. STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO SELECT A HOST ORGANIZATION TO FURTHER DEVELOP THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN THEIR CHOSEN AREA OF INTEREST AND TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOST ORGANIZATION BY APPLYING THEIR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE LEARNT THROUGH STUDY, AND BY BEING ABLE TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY AS WELL AS WITHIN A TEAM, PRODUCE HIGHEST QUALITY WRITTEN WORK, AND BEHAVE WITH MATURITY, INTEGRITY AND GENDER AND CULTURAL SENSITIVITY.
Objectives:	# understand the goals and manner of operation of one international development agency;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # recognise the relationship between theoretical understandings of development and practical development work on the ground; # be practised in 'doing' development in a non-Australian cultural context.
Assessment:	Assessment by supervisors in the host organisation equivalent 3000 words 30% (during semester); oral presentation followed by a written presentation, equivalent to 1000-1500 words 20% (during semester); and a 5000 word essay 50% (due at the end of semester).
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to write critical evaluations of the work of a development agency; # be able to work within international organisations; # apply theoretical knowledge to practical day to day decision making; # be able to conduct policy-related research, write policy proposals, design development projects, evaluate projects; # be capable of working in a cross-cultural context.
Related Course(s):	Master of Development Studies (Gender & Development) Master of Development Studies(CWT)