

# 161-590 Professional Ethics Thesis

<b>Credit Points:</b>	37.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Total Time Commitment: .5 contact hours/week Total of 10 hours per week.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Ethics.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<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: <a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability">http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</a></p>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	Students enrolled in this subject will be required to produce an original piece of work of approximately 12 000 words length on a topic in professional ethics. Topics may include conceptual investigations into the foundations of professional ethics, as well as discussions of particular ethically problematic issues. Individual thesis topics will be the result of negotiation between students and teaching staff. Students will be required to demonstrate the capacity to identify and critically engage with the relevant literature and to produce a coherent and well-argued piece reflecting this engagement.
<b>Objectives:</b>	Students who successfully complete this subject will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have an in-depth knowledge of the academic literature relating to the subject of their thesis;</li> <li># have developed familiarity with and competence in theoretical philosophical ethics;</li> <li># have displayed the ability to understand and integrate relevant empirical research.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A thesis of 12 000 words (due at the end of the second semester of study after enrolment).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	There are no prescribed or recommended texts for the subject as a whole. The supervisor will discuss reading appropriate to the specific topics that the student has chosen to address.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	# have displayed the ability to engage critically with academic theorising;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># have developed skills in research and analysis that will enable them to undertake further independent research work of greater length and originality;</li><li># have displayed the capacity for self-directed study;</li><li># have displayed the ability to complete a coherent, informed and critically aware piece of work of thesis length.</li></ul>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Arts in Professional and Applied Ethics Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Ethics