

166-480 Parliamentary Research Project

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Contact hours will be in the form of attendance at the parliamentary library and supervision will be provided both by the parliament's Senior Research Officer and by the subject coordinator. The student will be researching at the parliamentary library for one to two days per week. Total Time Commitment: N/A contact hours/week , N/A additional hours/week. Total of 10 (hrs/wk) hours per week.
Prerequisites:	Normally, 166013 or 166044. If more than one application is received, applicants will be ranked according to academic merit in political science subjects.
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:	This subject is available to one student per semester to undertake a program of independent research, primarily at the Library of the Parliament of Victoria, and to present, in a scholarly manner, the outcomes of that research. The particular topic will be negotiated by the student, the subject coordinator and staff at the Parliamentary Library, and a formal agreement will be entered into early in the semester by all three parties, setting out the parameters of the research to be conducted. The student will be supervised by the subject co-ordinator in conjunction with staff at the Parliamentary Library, and will be assessed by the subject co-ordinator. On completion of this subject the student will have demonstrated an ability to utilise the research materials available at the Victorian Parliamentary Library, will show a detailed understanding of the chosen topic, will have read published literature on the topic, will have considered methodological and theoretical aspects relevant to research on the topic, and will be able thoroughly to analyse the topic, orally and in prose form.
Objectives:	# gain skills that enable them to provide consultancy-type research services in the parliamentary environment.
Assessment:	Written work totalling 5000 words (due in the examination period).
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"># show an ability to utilise the research materials available at the Victorian Parliamentary Library;# show a detailed understanding of the chosen topic;# have considered methodological and theoretical aspects relevant to research on the topic, and be able thoroughly to analyse the topic;# have read published literature on the topic.
Notes:	<i>The Parliamentary Research Project is a quota subject and an application process applies. One Political Science Honours student will be selected for entry into this subject.</i>
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Political Science