

## 166-508 Major Thesis - Sociology

<b>Credit Points:</b>	N/A Credit points are not assigned to the research thesis subjects that are offered as part of graduate research courses. The load or weight varies according to the duration and structure of the course, enrolment status (ie. full-time or part-time), etc.
<b>Level:</b>	Research Higher Degree
<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: Total of 10 hours per week.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Admission to the Master of Arts (Sociology) program
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;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.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;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: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	Candidates undertake a major thesis on a Sociology-related topic. The topic is a matter for individual arrangement between candidates and the Department, but will be subject to approval by the Course Coordinator. Applicants should consult the departmental handbook for details of special interests among staff members.
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># demonstrate a good knowledge of sociological work in the area of their thesis;</li> <li># have an ability to integrate theory and appropriate data;</li> <li># have an ability to engage with debates in contemporary sociology on the basis of their research;</li> <li># conceptualising and planning a substantial project of original research;</li> <li># presenting material in draft form and engaging productively with a supervisor;</li> <li># consolidating and enhancing established skills in engaging creatively with a critical field;</li> <li># synthesising critical arguments and debates;</li> <li># testing and developing new research methods in relation to ongoing debates;</li> <li># enhancing drafting and writing skills, in both a critical and creative manner;</li> <li># managing time and study resources over a sustained period of time.</li> <li># managing time and study resources over a sustained period of time.</li> <li># managing time and study resources over a sustained period of time.</li> <li># managing time and study resources over a sustained period of time.</li> </ul>

<b>Assessment:</b>	A 30 000 word thesis 100%.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	None
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># demonstrate critical thinking and analytic skills, through research and written communication;</li><li># be able to communicate knowledge intelligibly and economically, both orally and in writing;</li><li># display awareness and understanding of the social, ethical and cultural contexts of research and of our place as researchers.</li></ul>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Arts (Sociology) by Research