

207-414 Social Research Methods

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Thirty-five hours of lectures and workshops, offered in block mode Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
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>
Coordinator:	Dr Kathryn Jane Williams
Subject Overview:	<p>Understanding of social process and action is critical to effective land management and social research skills are therefore valued by resource management agencies.</p> <p>The subject aims to equip students with knowledge and skills to design social research which can be used to improve management of natural resources, agricultural and food systems.</p> <p>The research process is considered step by step including scoping research issues, the evolution of research questions, and selection of appropriate methods.</p> <p>A number of research strategies are considered in more detail including survey research, case studies and action research. Social research ethics, quality in social research and advances in social research methods are examined.</p>
Assessment:	A literature review of 3000 words and a research proposal of 3000 words each worth 40% of final marks, and a seminar presentation worth 20% of final marks.
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	# Social Research Methods (A Bryman), OUP, Oxford, 2001
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:	Information Not Available
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Honours) Bachelor of Agriculture (Honours) Bachelor of Agriculture (Honours)

Bachelor of Animal Science and Management with Honours
Bachelor of Food Science (Honours)
Bachelor of Forest Science (Honours)
Bachelor of Horticulture
Bachelor of Horticulture (Honours)
Bachelor of Natural Resource Management with Honours
Bachelor of Resource Management with Honours