

207-506 Social Research Methods

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 42 hours of lectures and workshops Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Eligibility for a graduate degree.
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>
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. This 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 subject presents a framework for understanding diverse approaches to social research; the relationship between theory and method is given particular emphasis. The research process is considered step by step including scoping research issues, the evolution of research questions, and selection of appropriate methods. 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 research proposal of 4000 words worth 40%, one comparative essay of 3500 words worth 40%, and two small assignments worth a total of 20%.
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
Related Course(s):	Graduate Diploma in Agricultural Science Master of Urban Horticulture