

208-731 Agribusiness Project

Credit Points:	25.00
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: This subject is taken over two consecutive 8-week study periods. The subject will contain structured readings, specific learning tasks and online discussion and should expect to commit 15 hours, on average, per week, to study. Individual students will work with the subject co-ordinator on the development of the problem description. An academic supervisor will provide feedback and constructive input as necessary throughout the analysis undertaken by the student. An industry professional will be invited to advise on the project. The supervisor will grade the final management report. The student will also be required to present the report findings to an appropriate audience and submit the final report by the completion of the study period. 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><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> </p>
Coordinator:	Mr Peter Francis Mcsweeney
Subject Overview:	<p>This subject follows up the work commenced in 208-730 Project Management. Students and apply project planning and management processes and a suitable method/s toward an investigation of a business problem or issue that may relate to a firm or industry. The business problem may require the application of a multi-disciplinary approach to its resolution; alternatively it may focus on an investigation within a single disciplinary area. Through individual supervision of this project they can be guided toward the most efficient way to define the problem, develop solution strategies and select optimal solutions. Industry professionals can assist where possible in the advising on the project.</p> <p>Students will be assessed on some of the key elements associated with effective project management.</p> <p>These include lodging brief interim progress reports; meeting project milestones as outlined in the proposal; adapting the</p>

	project to unexpected events or circumstances; justifying project changes; providing a brief self-assessment of the project approach and outcomes.
Objectives:	The objective of this subject is to extend the students ability to focus on the critical aspects of an industry or firm problem; apply the relevant techniques and skills to resolve the problem; establish a set of solutions; select and implement the optimal problem solution; verbally communicate the findings of the project.
Assessment:	Project management (15%); oral and power point presentation (15%); final report of 10,000 words (70%).
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	Nil
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:	<p>It is expected students will develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # A profound respect for truth, intellectual and professional integrity and the ethics of scholarship # Capacity for independent critical thought, rational inquiry and self-directed learning and research # Ability to derive, interpret and analyse information from primary and other sources in addressing specific management problems and decision making # Ability to integrate information across related management disciplines to solve problems in applied situations # Highly developed written communication skills to allow informed dialogue with individuals and groups from industry, government and the community # Ability to collaborate, exchange ideas and debate across on-line learning platforms # Ability to plan, use time effectively and manage small projects.
Related Course(s):	Master of Agribusiness (Coursework)