

## HPSC90001 Major Thesis - HPS

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| <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>            | 2010, Parkville<br>This subject commences in the following study period/s:<br>RHD First Half Year, Parkville - Taught on campus.<br>RHD Second Half Year, Parkville - Taught on campus.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Time Commitment:</b>                  | Contact Hours: Regular contact with supervisor throughout period of enrolment<br>Total Time Commitment: 40 hours each week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Prerequisites:</b>                    | An honours degree (or equivalent) with a grade of at least H2A (75%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Corequisites:</b>                     | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b> | Knowledge gained in the successful completion of a 4 year honours degree or equivalent with Thesis component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>             | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>  | For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website : <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a> |
| <b>Coordinator:</b>                      | Assoc Prof Helen Verran                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Contact:</b>                          | <b>Assoc Prof Helen Verran</b> ( <a href="http://www.pasi.unimelb.edu.au/hps/staff/verran/">http://www.pasi.unimelb.edu.au/hps/staff/verran/</a> )<br><b>hrv@unimelb.edu.au</b> ( <a href="mailto:hrv@unimelb.edu.au">mailto:hrv@unimelb.edu.au</a> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Subject Overview:</b>                 | A major thesis based on original research, on a topic to be approved by the course coordinator.<br><b>Faculty of Arts : The University of Melbourne</b> ( <a href="http://www.facultyofarts.unimelb.edu.au/edit_template.html?code=136-502&amp;sj_aos_select=AHPSP">../edit_template.html?code=136-502&amp;sj_aos_select=AHPSP</a> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Objectives:</b>                       | Students who successfully complete this project will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have undertaken advanced study in a specialized branch of History and Philosophy of Science as determined by the student.</li> <li># have acquired research skills and an understanding of the methods required for advanced research in History and Philosophy of Science.</li> <li># have completed a major thesis, based on original research and revealing an awareness of current theoretical directions in their chosen field.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |
| <b>Assessment:</b>                       | A major Thesis of 30,000 words (100%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Prescribed Texts:</b>                 | Texts will be determined in consultation with Thesis supervisor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <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>                   | Students who successfully complete this project will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># improved research skills.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># refined skills in assessing the strength of arguments, identifying theoretical assumptions, and assessing conflicting arguments.</li><li># acquired the ability to develop and defend one's own position with respect to complex theoretical issues through sustained argument.</li></ul> |
| <b>Links to further information:</b> | <a href="http://www.pasi.unimelb.edu.au/hps/">http://www.pasi.unimelb.edu.au/hps/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Related Course(s):</b>            | Master of Arts in History and Philosophy of Science (Thesis)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |