

NRMT90021 Project Management

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: June, Parkville - Taught online/distance. June, Parkville - Taught on campus. The subject will be open on LMS approximately two weeks prior to the subject commencement date.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: This subject is taught using multimedia teaching techniques and is based around business case studies. There is no face-to-face contact for this subject. Total Time Commitment: This subject is run over an 8-week period as opposed to a standard 12 week semester subject. It is recommended that students devote 14 hours per week to this subject over 8 weeks.
Prerequisites:	There are no prerequisites for this subject.
Corequisites:	There are no corequisites for this subject.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Students must be able to perform word processing, use Excel spreadsheets, and have a reasonable understanding of the Internet and the University's Learning Management System.
Non Allowed Subjects:	There are no non-allowed subjects.
Core Participation Requirements:	It is University policy to take all 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 they have a disability that will impact on meeting the requirements in this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Subject Coordinator and Disability Liaison Unit.
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Subject Overview:	The subject will provide an overview of the management issues associated with initiating, implementing and terminating projects. Particular emphasis will be given to the planning dimension in areas such as; project or problem selection; defining project scope; identification of project stakeholders; project scheduling; and resource allocation. A range of suitable business research methods will be introduced including relevant quantitative and qualitative approaches. Students in Project Management who are currently employed can nominate an organisational issue or problem suitable for study, develop a brief proposal and project management method and examine related background literature. The Project Management method can also be applied to a range of other research projects. Individual participants will work with the Subject Coordinator on the development of the problem description and proposal.
Objectives:	The objective of this subject is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # extend the participant's ability to focus on the critical aspects of an industry firm or problem; # understand management issues associated with initiating, implementing and terminating projects; assess approaches suitable for investigation of industry issues/problems; # develop a proposal justifying the techniques suitable to investigation of the problem; analyse background literature relevant to the project area.
Assessment:	Online discussion participation (20%*); written assignment of 2,500 words (40%); project management proposal including project management strategies of 2,000 words (40%).

Prescribed Texts:	Dobie, C. (2007). A Handbook of Project Management. Allen & Unwin. It is recommended that text books be ordered through the Master of Agribusiness Office at Parkville, contact Diane Cardinal d.cardinal@unimelb.edu.au.
Recommended Texts:	Further readings will be available online.
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):	<p>Graduate Certificate in Wine Technology and Viticulture Master of Agribusiness (Coursework) Master of Agribusiness (Coursework) Master of Forest Ecosystem Science Master of Urban Horticulture</p>