

## ABPL40041 Research Methods (Honours)

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50						
<b>Level:</b>	4 (Undergraduate)						
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.						
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 24 hours: 1x2 hour lectures per week Total Time Commitment: Not available						
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None specified						
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None specified						
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None specified						
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	You are not eligible to enrol in this subject if you have already completed the subject below: <table border="1" data-bbox="387 719 1485 864"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ABPL90070 Research Methods (Masters)</td> <td>Not offered 2011</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	ABPL90070 Research Methods (Masters)	Not offered 2011	12.50
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<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>						
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	The subject introduces students to the skills necessary to conduct rigorous and original research and effectively communicate their research findings in a clear and systematic manner. The subject concentrates on how to select and refine a research topic, develop appropriate research questions/hypotheses, and select and use appropriate research methods. The subject incorporates formal instructional lectures, examples of research projects and seminar discussions of relevant research literature. Three general areas of knowledge are addressed: relevant research approaches, commonly used data collection, and analysis methods and thesis writing skills. Research methodologies currently employed in the Faculty are introduced and discussed. Students will need to discuss details of specific methods and their use with their supervisors. Students will be provided opportunities to discuss their research projects and get feedback over the semester.						
<b>Objectives:</b>	On completion of the subject students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Design an appropriate research program for their Research Project (which is part of various Honors degree programs)</li> <li># Propose a research topic and survey the relevant literature;</li> <li># Use results of a literature search to refine research questions and subsequently select appropriate research methods;</li> </ul>						

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<b>Assessment:</b>	Progressive assessment of written work and oral class presentations equivalent of not more than 5000 words. Assessments are based on statements of rationale and aims of individual research projects (500 words); Development of research questions and/or hypotheses; A major paper that outlines the student's research design and selection of method(s) (2500 words). Students are also required to prepare a draft literature review (2000 words) in order to be permitted to embark on a research project subject in semester 2.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	None specified
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Critical thinking and analysis;</li> <li># Ability to seek out, retrieve and evaluate complex information;</li> <li># Lucid expression of complex concepts in written and oral form;</li> <li># Time management skills;</li> <li># Appreciation and implementation of the ethics associated with knowledge creation and usage;</li> <li># Creative thinking and problem identification;</li> <li># Report writing skills.</li> </ul>