

## MULT20003 Critical Analytical Skills

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	2 (Undergraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Standard
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: Thirty contact hours per week. 1 x 1.5 hour lecture and 1 x 1.5 hour tutorial per week for 10 weeks. The lecture and tutorial programs are staggered and cover the 12 weeks of semester. Total Time Commitment: 8.5
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Completion of 25 points of first year Criminology, Sociology or Politics and International Studies or 25 points of approved Interdisciplinary Foundation (IDF) subjects.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Politics & International Studies or Criminology or Sociology at Level 1
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	191-004 Social Science Research Methods
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	For the purposes of considering request 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>	This subject introduces students to the fundamental analytic skills that are used in social science research. It provides an introduction to the theoretical and epistemological foundations of social science research, familiarises students with the different methods of inquiry in the social sciences and provides an overview of key historical and contemporary debates and trends (such as the debates between positivists and post-positivists, and realists and constructivists). Different theoretical approaches and their associated methods of inquiry will be introduced through practical examples in order to show their strengths and limitations.
<b>Objectives:</b>	Upon successful completion of this subject students are expected to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have a general understanding of the theoretical and epistemological foundations of social science research</li> <li># Have a general understanding of the historical and contemporary debates about social science research</li> <li># Be aware of the range of different methods of inquiry in the social sciences and how these relate to different theoretical perspectives in the social sciences</li> <li># Have the critical and analytical skills to read research papers in the social sciences and identify the theoretical approaches and methods of inquiry that are used</li> <li># Have a critical understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of different theoretical perspectives in the social sciences, and different methods of research (both qualitative and quantitative).</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A 1000 word short essay (25%) due early-semester, a 1000 word short essay (25%) due mid-semester and a take home test (50%) due in the examination period. This subject has a minimum Hurdle Requirement of 75% Tutorial attendance. Students who fail to meet this hurdle requirement will be deemed ineligible to submit the final piece of assessment or sit the final examination. Regular participation in tutorials is required. Assessment submitted late without

	an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per working day. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	<p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># <b>Bachelor of Biomedicine</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-BMED">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-BMED</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Commerce</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-COM">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-COM</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Environments</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-ENVS">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-ENVS</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Music</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-MUS">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-MUS</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Science</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-SCI">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-SCI</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Engineering</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-ENG">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-ENG</a>)</li> </ul> <p>You should visit <b>learn more about breadth subjects</b> (<a href="http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html">http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html</a>) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p>
<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># be able to apply critical research skills and methods to a field of inquiry.</li> <li># have considerable capacity for independent critical thought and self-directed learning.</li> <li># have an ability to plan work and to use time effectively.</li> </ul>
<b>Notes:</b>	This is a compulsory subject in the Politics and International Studies major, Criminology major and Sociology major. This subject is available only to students who are completing one of these majors.
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	<p>Criminology  Criminology  Criminology  Criminology Major  Political Science Major  Politics and International Studies  Politics and International Studies  Politics and International Studies  Socio-legal Studies Major  Sociology  Sociology  Sociology  Sociology Major</p>