

POLS40011 Political Science Thesis

Credit Points:	18.75						
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)						
Dates & Locations:	2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.						
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Regular meetings with the supervisor over two consecutive semesters of enrolment Total Time Commitment: Not available						
Prerequisites:	None						
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Recommended Background Knowledge:	Politics and International Studies at Undergraduate level						
Non Allowed Subjects:	166-510 Political Science Thesis						
Core Participation Requirements:	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: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/						
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Subject Overview:	This subject involves a supervised thesis of 12 000 words, embodying the results of the student's own political research.						
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # demonstrate a specialist understanding of the subject being studied. # show advanced skills of analysis pertinent to the subject. # show a detailed sense of the theoretical debates in the subject area. # demonstrate an ability to undertake critical independent research. # show a good capacity to communicate research in written form. 						
Assessment:	A thesis of 12 000 words (100%) due in October for students who commence in semester one and June for students who commence in semester two. Hurdle Requirements - The following hurdle requirements must be met in order for students to be eligible to submit the final Thesis: 1. Supervision: Regular supervisory meetings 2. Topic Proposal Form: To be submitted by the first week of the Semester of thesis enrolment 3. Progress Report: To be submitted half way through the thesis year 4. Thesis Draft: A full draft of the thesis is to be submitted approximately 5 weeks prior to the final thesis submission date. Final Theses submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 2% per working day.						
Prescribed Texts:	none						
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to conceptualise and plan a substantial project of original research. # be able to present material in draft form and engage productively with a supervisor. # be able to consolidate and enhance established skills in engaging creatively with a critical field. # be able to synthesise critical arguments and debates. # be able to test and develop new research methods in relation to ongoing debates. # be able to enhance drafting and writing skills, in both a critical and creative manner. # be able to manage time and study resources over a sustained period of time.
Notes:	The Political Science thesis is a compulsory component of the Political Science Honours and Postgraduate Diploma programs. Students completing the Political Science thesis must also complete the February-intensive subject POLS40013 Social Science Research Seminar
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Political Science Political Science Politics and International Studies