

POLS40013 Social Science Research Seminar

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| Credit Points: | 12.50 |
| Level: | 4 (Undergraduate) |
| Dates & Locations: | 2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: February, Parkville - Taught on campus. Intensive |
| Time Commitment: | Contact Hours: February 21, 22, 23, 24, 2011. A 4-day intensive course of lectures and workshops during Orientation. Total Time Commitment: Not available |
| Prerequisites: | None |
| Corequisites: | None |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | Politics and International Studies, Criminology, Sociology, Socio-Legal Studies at Undergraduate level |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | 166-558 Social Science Research Seminar |
| 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 is designed to develop research skills for students planning and writing research theses in the School of Social and Political Sciences. The subject explores contemporary research strategies, differing methodological approaches to social research, the relationship of theory and research, and practical issues concerned with designing thesis topics and their realization through the research process, including the management of ethics principles and procedures. The subject gives special attention to the design of problem-driven research. It will assist students to develop skills in thesis preparation and development as well as in the framing of research projects, more generally. The subject is taught through a combination of lectures, workshops and seminars. |
| Objectives: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Have an understanding of the theoretical, methodological, resource and ethical considerations of relevance in designing a social science research project. # Have an appreciation of the role of theory in the framing of social research. # Have a sense of the need to identify appropriate research strategies when undertaking research. # Have an awareness of the analytical and organizational skills required in social science research. # Have completed a fully developed research proposal for their thesis. |
| Assessment: | A research proposal study of 5000 words, worth 100% (due mid-Semester 1). Hurdle Requirement: As this is an Intensively-taught subject, Lecture/Seminar attendance is compulsory on all 4 days. Students who fail to meet this hurdle requirement will be deemed ineligible to submit the final piece of assessment for this subject. Regular participation in class is required. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 2% 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. |
| Prescribed Texts: | A subject reader will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop. |
| Breadth Options: | This subject is not available as a breadth subject. |

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| 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 apply research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry. # be able to develop persuasive arguments on a given topic. # be able to communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively and articulately. |
| Notes: | <p>This is a compulsory subject for students enrolled in the following Honours programs: Political Science, International Studies, Public Policy and Management, Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies, and the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Political Science), (International Politics), (Public Policy and Management), (Criminology) and (Socio-Legal Studies). This is also compulsory for students who are enrolled in the thesis component of the Master of International Relations or Master of Criminology. It is available as an elective subject for students enrolled in Sociology Honours and Postgraduate Diploma.</p> <p>This subject will run intensively from 21 - 24 February 2011.</p> |
| Related Course(s): | Master of Criminology (CWT) |
| Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminology Criminology Criminology International Politics International Studies Political Science Political Science Politics and International Studies Public Policy and Management Socio-Legal studies Socio-legal Studies Sociology Sociology Sociology |