

706AA Master of Social Policy

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| Year and Campus: | 2012 - Parkville |
| CRICOS Code: | 049598E |
| Fees Information: | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees |
| Level: | Graduate/Postgraduate |
| Duration & Credit Points: | 200 credit points taken over 24 months full time. This course is available as full or part time. |
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| Course Overview: | <p>The Master of Social Policy offers a curriculum that reflects cutting edge theory in a number of professional development fields. Graduates will be equipped with the skills necessary for advanced community sector management and policy making, including the skills to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # analyse key areas of contemporary social policy: governance, inclusion\exclusion, social capital, globalisation etc; # engage with the social dimensions of social policy: race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, disability, age etc; # understand social policy as a contested process and apply research skills to a range of organisational contexts; # draw on a range of disciplines and take a comparative and global focus. |
| Objectives: | <p>Students who complete this course should develop a number of generic skills that should help them with future study and employment. Students will enhance their skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Research: through competent use of advanced information sources and retrieval of appropriate information; # Critical and theoretical thinking: through presentation of research papers, conceptualising theoretical problems, forming judgements and arguments from conflicting evidence, and by critical analysis; # Time management and planning: through managing and organising workloads; # Team work: through small group discussions |
| Course Structure & Available Subjects: | <p>200 point program</p> <p>Duration: 2 years full-time / up to 4 years part-time</p> <p>First 100 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # two compulsory subjects (37.5 points) # five elective subjects (62.5 points) <p>Second 100 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Two compulsory subjects (25 points) and <p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Six elective subjects (75 points) or <p>Option 2*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Thesis (37.5 points) & # Electives (37.5 points) <p>Total 200 points. Subjects are 12.5 points unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>*(Written permission from the course coordinator is required for option 2)</p> |

100 point program**Duration: 1 year full-time / up to 2 years part-time**

Four compulsory subjects (62.5 points) and

Option 1

Three elective subjects from the list of electives for the second 100 points of the 200 point program above (37.5 points) or

Option 2*

Thesis (37.5 points)

Total 100 points. Subjects are 12.5 points unless otherwise stated.

*(Written permission from the course coordinator is required for option 2)

For policies that govern this degree, see **Academic Services Policy** (<http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html>) in the **University Melbourne Policy Framework** (<http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/>). Students also should also refer to information in the **Student Policy Directory**. (http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj)

Subject Options:

200 Point Program

First 100 points

Compulsory subjects:

37.5 points

| Subject | Study Period Commencement: | Credit Points: |
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| SOCI90002 Foundations of Social Policy | Semester 1 | 25 |
| SOCI90005 Social Research Design and Evaluation | Semester 2 | 12.50 |

Elective subjects:

62.5 points

| Subject | Study Period Commencement: | Credit Points: |
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| AUST90001 A Century of Australian Social Policy | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| CRIM40002 Qualitative Research Methods | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| CRIM40003 Drugs and Justice | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| CRIM40005 The New Punitiveness? | September | 12.50 |
| CRIM90020 Representing Crime | June | 12.50 |
| DEVT90009 Understanding Development | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| ECON90029 Economics For Public Policy | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| ENST90002 Social Impact Assessment and Evaluation | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| MULT50002 Indigenous Peoples in Global Context | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| POLS40017 Social Policy and Development | April, September | 12.50 |
| PPMN40001 Policy Design | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| PPMN40002 Organisations and Management | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| PPMN40003 Executive Internship | Semester 1, Semester 2 | 25 |

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| PPMN40004 Contemporary Issues in Governance | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| PPMN90003 Social Policy: Special Topics | March | 12.50 |
| PPMN90005 Individual Research Project | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| PPMN90029 Managing Communications & the Media | Not offered 2012 | 12.50 |
| SCWK50002 Program Planning and Evaluation | September | 12.50 |
| SCWK90025 Ageing, Social Work & Social Policy | Not offered 2012 | 12.50 |
| SCWK90022 Social Policy Analysis | Not offered 2012 | 12.50 |
| SOCI90005 Social Research Design and Evaluation | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| SOTH90005 Social Inclusion, Politics, Recognition | October | 12.50 |
| SOTH90006 Social Inclusion Policy and Practice | May | 12.50 |
| SOCI90006 Ageing, Society And Social Policy | March | 12.50 |

Second 100 points

Compulsory subjects:

25 points

| Subject | Study Period Commencement: | Credit Points: |
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| SOCI90004 Contemporary Social Problems | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| SOCI90003 Comparative Social Policy | Semester 2 | 12.50 |

Elective subjects:

75 points

Note:

- # permission is required from the course coordinator in order to enrol in the minor thesis
- # the thesis requires two consecutive semesters of enrolment.

| Subject | Study Period Commencement: | Credit Points: |
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| PPMN90003 Social Policy: Special Topics | March | 12.50 |
| ECON90029 Economics For Public Policy | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| POLS40017 Social Policy and Development | April, September | 12.50 |
| PPMN90029 Managing Communications & the Media | Not offered 2012 | 12.50 |
| PPMN40001 Policy Design | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| PPMN40004 Contemporary Issues in Governance | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| CRIM40002 Qualitative Research Methods | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| DEVT90009 Understanding Development | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| SOTH90006 Social Inclusion Policy and Practice | May | 12.50 |
| PPMN90002 Minor Thesis - Public /Social Policy | Semester 1, Semester 2 | 18.75 |
| PPMN40003 Executive Internship | Semester 1, Semester 2 | 25 |
| PPMN90005 Individual Research Project | Semester 1 | 12.50 |

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| SOTH90005 Social Inclusion, Politics, Recognition | October | 12.50 |
| CRIM40005 The New Punitiveness? | September | 12.50 |
| PPMN40002 Organisations and Management | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| MULT50002 Indigenous Peoples in Global Context | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| CRIM40003 Drugs and Justice | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| ENST90002 Social Impact Assessment and Evaluation | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| AUST90001 A Century of Australian Social Policy | Semester 1 | 12.50 |
| SCWK50002 Program Planning and Evaluation | September | 12.50 |
| SCWK90022 Social Policy Analysis | Not offered 2012 | 12.50 |
| SCWK90025 Ageing, Social Work & Social Policy | Not offered 2012 | 12.50 |
| CRIM90020 Representing Crime | June | 12.50 |

100 point program

Compulsory subjects:

62.5 points

| Subject | Study Period Commencement: | Credit Points: |
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| SOCI90002 Foundations of Social Policy | Semester 1 | 25 |
| SOCI90005 Social Research Design and Evaluation | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| SOCI90004 Contemporary Social Problems | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
| SOCI90003 Comparative Social Policy | Semester 2 | 12.50 |

Elective subjects:

37.5 points

Note:

- # permission is required from the course coordinator in order to enrol in the minor thesis
- # the thesis requires two consecutive semesters of enrolment.

Refer to the list of electives from the second 100 points of the two hundred point program above.

Entry Requirements:

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue successfully the course using the following criteria –

For the 200 point program

- # an undergraduate degree with a major area of study related to social policy with a grade average of at least H2B (70%) in the relevant subjects, or equivalent; or
- # an undergraduate degree in any field with an overall grade average of at least H2B (70%) and at least one year of full time documented relevant professional work experience, or equivalent.

For the 100-point program

- # an honours degree with a major area of study related to social policy with a grade average of at least H2B (70%) in the relevant subjects, or equivalent; or
- # an undergraduate degree in any field and at least two years of full time documented relevant professional work experience, or equivalent.

2. The Selection Committee may conduct interviews or tests and may call for referee reports and employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.

Documented evidence of relevant professional experience:

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| | <p>Applicants seeking admission into 100 program must provide the following documentation in support of their application for the recognition of prior professional experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # brief curriculum vitae, detailing work experience; # contact details of two referees ; # a covering letter outlining the applicants professional background and how this prepares them to successfully undertake the program. <p>In some cases, an interview and/or two reference letters from employers/managers detailing the period of employment and areas of responsibility, and/or evidence of written work or reports undertaken during the period of employment may be requested.</p> <p><u>Admission process</u> (http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply.html)</p> |
| Core Participation Requirements: | <p>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 course are articulated in the Course Description, Course Objectives and Generic Skills 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/</p> |
| Further Study: | <p>Students who complete the minor thesis may be eligible for entry into the PhD.</p> |
| Graduate Attributes: | <p>http://www.unimelb.edu.au/about/attributes.html</p> |
| Links to further information: | <p>http://www.ssps.unimelb.edu.au/</p> |