

ABPL90311 Studies in Building Cultures and Markets

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2012, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. Quota applied to subject - 15. Selection will be based upon academic merit (overall GPA) and preference will be given to Master of Construction Management students who have completed 100 points or more of the program.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 hours + travel component Total Time Commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	Admission into one of the following courses: Master of Construction Management (MC-CONMG2Y and MC-CONMG3Y) Master of Architecture (MC-ARCH2Y and MC-ARCH3Y) Master of Property (MC-PROP2Y and MC-PROP3Y) Master of Urban Planning (MC-URPL).
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	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 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/
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Subject Overview:	This subject investigates the organization of the construction industry in various country environments, with an emphasis on the strategic selection of construction technologies and methods according to specific social, economic, legal and technological contexts as well as regional traditions. Consisting of a seminar component and a travel component (which can vary each year depending on the focus provided by the subject coordinator), the subject will expose students to unfamiliar cultures, places and people, thus stimulating their ability to reflect critically on the Australian construction environment. The subject will incur travel costs in addition to tuition fees. Faculty subsidies may, however, be available to each enrolled student.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # To observe and record building industry operations in non-Australian contexts, and provide an international perspective in construction. # To enable comparisons of construction markets, technologies and processes in different countries and regions. # To help students understand contingent relationships between construction technologies and national cultures. # To gauge the impact of cultural drivers within construction. # To encourage students to identify and engage critically with issues of geographic specificity in construction.

Assessment:	Class participation (10%). Case studies and professional reports equivalent to at least 5,000 words (90%).
Prescribed Texts:	None specified
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:	<p>At the completion of the subject students should have developed the following skills and capabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Ability to understand and navigate social and cultural differences; # Ability to undertake ideal-type analysis; # Ability to understand the type of industrial data required in socio-technical studies; # Ability to derive theoretical positions from empirical analyses; # Ability to prepare and conduct technical interviews with industry representatives; # Ability to combine data from primary and secondary sources for the development of a scholarly argument; # Ability to translate these data into a cohesive piece of original research.
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Policy Research and Development