

Health Social Sciences

Year and Campus:	2013									
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Overview:	<p>Students specialising in Health Social Science will acquire knowledge and skills in both the theory and methods of the social sciences as applied to public health. The social sciences make a significant contribution to our capacity to both understand public health problems, and to offer novel solutions. Students will have the opportunity to develop higher order skills in social theorising with an emphasis on critical analysis, and written and verbal communication. Students who undertake a research project will also develop knowledge and skills in social science research methods, and their application to health. The social and political dimensions of illness and suffering and the cultural differences in the understanding of health care delivery present important challenges, not only to practitioners, but also to administrators and planners. This specialisation incorporates subjects from health ethics, sociology of health and illness, medical anthropology and the history of health care, providing students with a social science 'toolkit' for their public health careers. Examples of complex health issues will be used to demonstrate the application of the social sciences to public health, for example; stem cell research, alcohol use, contraception and abortion and the development of culturally sensitive population health programs.</p>									
Objectives:	-									
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Standard 200 Point Program (no Advanced Standing): SIX core subjects and TEN elective subjects (Full Coursework program) OR SIX core subjects, EIGHT elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit</p> <p>Students granted 25 Credit Points Advanced Standing: SIX core subjects and EIGHT elective subjects OR SIX core subjects, SIX elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit</p> <p>Students granted 50 Credit Points Advanced Standing: FIVE core subjects and SEVEN elective subjects OR FIVE core subjects and FIVE elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit</p>									
Subject Options:	<p>Core Subjects</p> <p>Student must complete POPH90217 unless they have been granted 50 points Advanced Standing (150 point program) or an exemption has been granted.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90013 Biostatistics</td> <td>Not offered 2013</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90014 Epidemiology</td> <td>Not offered 2013</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90013 Biostatistics	Not offered 2013	12.50	POPH90014 Epidemiology	Not offered 2013	12.50
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POPH90217 Foundations of Public Health	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90227 Public Health in Practice	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90218 Public Health Leadership and Management	Not offered 2013	12.50

Highly Recommended Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90203 Social Analysis in Health 1	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90204 Social Analysis in Health 2	Not offered 2013	12.50

Other Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90213 Ethical Dimensions in Health Care	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90199 Gender and Health	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90207 Health Ethics	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90210 Behaviour Society and Health	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90211 Current Debates in Population Health	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90208 Key Concepts in Medical Anthropology	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90212 Community:Theory and Practice	August	12.50
POPH90205 Health Inequalities	Not offered 2013	12.50

Pre-requisite Subjects for the Research Project Option

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90200 Principles of Social Research Design	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90201 Social Sciences Research Methods	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods	Not offered 2013	12.50

Research Project

Students may apply to enrol in a Research Project in Health Social Sciences

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90240 Research Project:Health Social Sciences	Not offered 2013	12.50
POPH90241 Research Project:Health Social Sciences	Not offered 2013	25

Related Course(s):

Master of Public Health