

100 Point Master of Social Policy

Year and Campus:	2014
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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.
Learning Outcomes:	<p>Students who complete the Master of Social Policy should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # enhance their skills in research: through competent use of advanced information sources and retrieval of appropriate information; # have critical and theoretical thinking: through presentation of research papers, conceptualising theoretical problems, forming judgements and arguments from conflicting evidence, and by critical analysis; # develop time management and planning: through managing and organising workloads; # enhance their skills in team work: through small group discussions.
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>100 point program Duration: 1 year full-time / up to 2 years part-time The Master of Social Policy 100 point program requires:</p> <p>Coursework Only Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # four compulsory subjects (62.5 points) # three elective subjects (37.5 points) <p>or</p> <p>Minor Thesis Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # four compulsory subjects (62.5 points) # thesis (37.5 points) <p>Please note the following: Written permission from the course coordinator is required for the minor thesis option. The minor thesis requires enrolment over two consecutive semesters.</p> <p>Capstone Requirements: All students are required to complete the Capstone Requirement for the program (at least 25 points). Students must complete one capstone option -</p> <p>Capstone Option 1: Minor Thesis – Public/Social Policy (PPMN90002) Purpose: An opportunity to integrate knowledge and research skills to address a research question; pathway to the PhD.</p> <p>Capstone Option 2: Executive Internship (PPMN90039)</p>

Purpose: An opportunity to apply knowledge and skills in social policy practice to solve problems that arise in professional contexts and develop an integrated understanding of research and practice.

Capstone Option 3: Social Research Design and Evaluation (SOC190005) + Comparative Social Policy (SOC190003)

Purpose: Multiple opportunities to acquire research methods skills and integrate knowledge and research skills to address a research question, project or substantial piece of work.

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:

Compulsory Subjects

four compulsory subjects (62.5 points)

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SOC190002 Foundations of Social Policy	Semester 1	25
SOC190003 Comparative Social Policy	Semester 2	12.50
SOC190004 Contemporary Social Problems	Semester 2	12.50
SOC190005 Social Research Design and Evaluation	Semester 2	12.50

Minor Thesis Option

Minor thesis (37.5 points)

Please note the following:

Written permission from the program coordinator is required for the minor thesis option.

The minor thesis requires two consecutive semesters of enrolment.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PPMN90002 Minor Thesis - Public /Social Policy	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75

Elective Subjects

Coursework Only Option

Three elective subjects (37.5 points)

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ANTH90004 Migration and Development	Semester 1	12.50
CRIM40002 Qualitative Research Methods	Semester 1	12.50
CRIM40003 Drugs and Justice	Semester 2	12.50
CRIM40005 The New Punitiveness?	July	12.50
CRIM90020 Framing Crime	July	12.50
DEVT90035 Monitoring and Evaluation in Development	Semester 2	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	February	12.50
	POLS40017 Social Policy and Development	April, November	12.50
	PPMN90003 Social Policy: Special Topics	March, Semester 1	12.50
	PPMN90039 Executive Internship	Semester 1, Semester 2	25
	SCWK50002 Program Planning and Evaluation	Not offered 2014	12.50
	SCWK90022 Social Policy Analysis	Not offered 2014	12.50
	SCWK90025 Ageing, Social Work & Social Policy	Not offered 2014	12.50
	SOCI90006 Ageing, Society And Social Policy	March	12.50
	SOCI90009 A Century of Australian Social Policy	Not offered 2014	12.50
	SOTH90005 Social Inclusion, Politics, Recognition	October	12.50
	SOTH90006 Social Inclusion Policy and Practice	May	12.50
Links to further information:	http://www.ssps.unimelb.edu.au/		
Related Course(s):	Master of Social Policy		