

AGRI90070 Minor Research Project

Credit Points:	25												
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)												
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2014. Students can undertake this subject in either Semester 1 OR Semester 2. If you wish to complete the Minor Project over 1 year please enrol in AGRI90064.												
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Two hours per week plus individual project work. Total Time Commitment: 240 hours												
Prerequisites:	Eligibility for honours or postgraduate degree - Undertaking a research project is conditional upon obtaining approval from a supervisor with consideration to appropriate subjects undertaken in their Masters												
Corequisites:	None												
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None												
Non Allowed Subjects:	<p>Students who have completed the below subjects are not eligible to enrol in this subject.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AGRI90064 Minor Research Project</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AGRI90065 Major Research Project</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AGRI90072 Major Research Project</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	AGRI90064 Minor Research Project	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50	AGRI90065 Major Research Project	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	AGRI90072 Major Research Project	Semester 1, Semester 2	50
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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 enables students to conduct an original research topic, under supervision approved by the subject coordinator. The work commitment will be equivalent to lecture and practical based subjects worth 25 points. The content and extent of the project will be determined by a project supervisor in consultation with the student and subject coordinator. Students are strongly encouraged to initiate project ideas within existing networks or to identify a project topic of keen interest, through discussion with Melbourne School of Land and Environment staff, prior to subject commencement. The project represents a capstone subject and comprises a review of a body of relevant literature, together with a critical evaluation of research or experimental protocols, a modest original experiment, or limited exploration of a scientific problem, or an investigation into a problem using an approved methodology. Following an initial workshop to establish subject expectations, deliverables and skill base requirements, projects may involve regular one hour meetings with their supervisor where students report on progress, difficulties and research plans. Other workshops will deliver skill development in oral and written report presentation.												
Learning Outcomes:	The assignments include a project proposal, researching an area of importance to an industry related to your degree. This will include a synopsis of the literature to provide context and												

	rationale, together with an approach or protocol for a modest original experiment, a limited exploration of a scientific problem or other investigation. The proposal is a hurdle requirement and a pass (50% or more) is required in order to continue with the subject. Final reports and oral presentations will occur at the end of the semester and orals will involve a mini-symposium where findings will be presented to project stakeholders and the student cohort.
Assessment:	Assessment in this subject will include: 1,500 word project proposal, or design-approach proposal (worth 30%). A pass in the project proposal is a hurdle requirement. 5,000 - 10,000 word final report, or design portfolio as prescribed (worth 50%) 15 minute oral presentation (worth 20%).
Prescribed Texts:	Information Not Available
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:	On completion of this subject students will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # capacity to articulate knowledge and understanding in oral and written presentations and to allow informed dialogue with individuals and groups from industry, government and the community # ability to evaluate and synthesise the research and professional literature in the discipline # capacity for independent critical thought, rational inquiry and self-directed learning and research.
Related Course(s):	Master of Agribusiness (Coursework) Master of Agribusiness (Coursework) Master of Agricultural Science Master of Animal Science Master of Food Science Master of Food and Packaging Innovation Master of Forest Ecosystem Science Master of Urban Horticulture Master of Wine Technology and Viticulture