

MECM30015 Media and Communications Project

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2014.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour tutorial per week. Total Time Commitment: Total expected time commitment is 102 hours across the semester, including class time.
Prerequisites:	This subject is only available to students completing a major, minor or specialisation in Media and Communications.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	MECM20011 Approaches to Media Research, 100-204 Media and Communications Research; MECM20001 Media and Communications Research; MECM30014 Media and Communications Resarch
Non Allowed Subjects:	MECM30007 Media and Communications Research Project
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 Overview, Objectives, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry. It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and the Disability Liaison Unit: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	The Media and Communications Project provides students with an opportunity to conduct an extensive analysis of any form of media output, theoretical framework, institutional structure, or mode of reception. Students will deploy, and reflect upon their selected method/s of analysis and present their findings in a written report. They will be offered guidance throughout the process of conceiving, designing, executing and writing their report. The final written presentation should aim to produce a critical evaluation of the topic with reference to relevant positions of theory and debate, the methods and methodology deployed, as well as their own research practice. On completion of this subject, students will have gained critical insight into their chosen topic, as well as a deeper understanding of the processes, stages and methodological requirements for undertaking successful research in the field of Media and Communications. A research presentation takes place in the final week of the semester. This presentation will be organised as a 'poster' session which is a presentation format used by professionals and at academic conferences.
Learning Outcomes:	On completion of the subject students should have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # the ability to design, research and present in writing a sustained academic study; # the ability to demonstrate awareness of relevant literature in the field of media and communication in relation to a chosen topic of inquiry; # the ability to marshal argument and evidence in a structured narrative and sequence of chapters according to scholarly practice.
Assessment:	A research project of 4000 words (100%) due in the examination period. This subject has a minimum hurdle requirement of 75% attendance and regular participation in tutorials. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per day.
Prescribed Texts:	None

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>Students who successfully complete this subject will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"># be able to plan, develop and present supervised research on a particular topic in accordance with academic standards and conventions;# be able to enhance their ability to initiate and undertake independent research;# be able to deploy time-management skills relevant to a self-directed program of study.
Notes:	This subject is only available to students undertaking the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Media & Communications or students admitted to the Graduate Diploma in Arts (Media & Communications).
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Media and Communications Media and Communications