

## POL40013 Social Science Research Seminar

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50																																										
<b>Level:</b>	4 (Undergraduate)																																										
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	This subject is not offered in 2014. Intensive																																										
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm 24 - 27 February 2014. A 4-day intensive course of lectures and workshops, scheduled one week prior to the commencement of Semester 1. Total Time Commitment: 120 hours																																										
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None																																										
<b>Corequisites:</b>	<p>Students completing an Honours, Postgraduate Diploma or Masters (CWT) thesis in the following areas of study must complete this subject:</p> <p>Political Science  Politics and International Studies/Politics  Criminology  Sociology  Socio-Legal Studies  International Relations  Public Policy and Management</p> <p>Students who commence the thesis in semester 2 will be required to complete POL40013 in the February of the following year.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POL40011 Political Science Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POL40012 International Politics Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPMN40005 Public Policy &amp; Management Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPMN90002 Minor Thesis - Public /Social Policy</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POL90027 International Relations Minor Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CRIM40006 Criminology Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CRIM90005 Minor Thesis - Criminology</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOLS40001 Socio-Legal Studies Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOCI40002 Sociology Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HIST90031 International Relations Minor Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CRIM40007 Criminology Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POL40020 Politics &amp; International Studies Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOCI40005 Sociology Thesis</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POL40011 Political Science Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	POL40012 International Politics Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	PPMN40005 Public Policy & Management Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	PPMN90002 Minor Thesis - Public /Social Policy	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	POL90027 International Relations Minor Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	CRIM40006 Criminology Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	CRIM90005 Minor Thesis - Criminology	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	SOLS40001 Socio-Legal Studies Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	SOCI40002 Sociology Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	HIST90031 International Relations Minor Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75	CRIM40007 Criminology Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	POL40020 Politics & International Studies Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25	SOCI40005 Sociology Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25
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<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None																																										
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	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: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>
<b>Contact:</b>	Dr. Sana Nakata snakata@unimelb.edu.au
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject is designed to develop research skills for students planning and writing research theses in the School of Social and Political Sciences. The subject explores contemporary research strategies, differing methodological approaches to social research, the relationship of theory and research, and practical issues concerned with designing thesis topics and their realization through the research process, including the management of ethics principles and procedures. The subject gives special attention to the design of problem-driven research. It will assist students to develop skills in thesis preparation and development as well as in the framing of research projects, more generally. The subject is taught through a combination of lectures, workshops and seminars.
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	On completion of this subjects students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have an understanding of the theoretical, methodological, resource and ethical considerations of relevance in designing a social science research project;</li> <li># Have an appreciation of the role of theory in the framing of social research;</li> <li># Have a sense of the need to identify appropriate research strategies when undertaking research;</li> <li># Have an awareness of the analytical and organizational skills required in social science research;</li> <li># Have completed a fully developed research proposal for their thesis.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A research proposal study of 5000 words, worth 100% (due in April). Hurdle Requirement: As this is an Intensively-taught subject, Lecture/Seminar attendance is compulsory on all 4 days. Regular participation in class is required. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per working day. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	On completion of this subject students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># be able to apply research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry;</li> <li># be able to develop persuasive arguments on a given topic;</li> <li># be able to communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively and articulately.</li> </ul>
<b>Notes:</b>	This is a compulsory subject for students enrolled in the following Honours programs: Political Science, International Studies, Public Policy and Management, Criminology, Sociology and Socio-Legal Studies, and the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Political Science), (International Politics), (Public Policy and Management), (Criminology), (Sociology) and (Socio-Legal Studies). This is also a compulsory co-requisite subject for students who are enrolled in the thesis component of the Master of International Relations, Master of Public Policy and Management or Master of Criminology.  This subject will run intensively from 24 - 27 February 2014.
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	100 Point Master of Criminology 100 Point Master of International Relations 100 Point Master of Public Policy and Management 150 Point Master of Criminology 150 Point Master of Public Policy and Management

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200 Point Master of International Relations  
200 Point Master of Public Policy and Management  
Anthropology  
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