

## POPH90105 Research Project: Social Health

| <b>Credit Points:</b>                          | 12.50   |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
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| <b>Level:</b>                                  | 9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)   |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| <b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>                  | This subject is not offered in 2014. Supervised Project taken over two semesters (12.5 credit points per semester) Students must enrol in both semesters consecutively.   |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| <b>Time Commitment:</b>                        | Contact Hours: 36 hours: attendance at a half-day research training skills workshop (week 1 of semester), approximately fortnightly supervisor meetings, attendance at 2 full-day sessions for student oral presentations (week 11: of each semester). Total Time Commitment: 240 hours   |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| <b>Prerequisites:</b>                          | <p>POPH90200 AND POPH90201 may be taken concurrently.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90200 Principles of Social Research Design</td> <td>February</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90201 Social Sciences Research Methods</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Plus other MPH subjects that are relevant to the proposed research topic.</p> <p>Students entering the MPH from 2011 must have a weighted average mark of at least 70% for all relevant subjects to be eligible to enrol in the research project. Successful research project applicants will be selected on the basis of academic merit.</p> | Subject        | Study Period Commencement: | Credit Points: | POPH90200 Principles of Social Research Design | February | 12.50 | POPH90201 Social Sciences Research Methods | Semester 1 | 12.50 | POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods | Semester 2 | 12.50 |
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| POPH90200 Principles of Social Research Design | February  | 12.50          |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| POPH90201 Social Sciences Research Methods     | Semester 1  | 12.50          |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods      | Semester 2  | 12.50          |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| <b>Corequisites:</b>                           | None  |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| <b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>       | None  |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| <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.  |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
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| <b>Subject Overview:</b>                       | The research project must be in the area of social health and the topic must be approved by the nominated supervisor. Under normal circumstances, the project will involve: a) a conceptual or theoretical analysis of a given topic in social health; or b) an analysis of existing data relevant to social health. Collection and analysis of primary data may be undertaken, but only with the specific approval of the subject co-ordinator, in consultation with the nominated supervisor. Supervisors will be University academic staff with research capacity and interest in social health.   |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |
| <b>Learning Outcomes:</b>                      | <p>Upon completion of this subject, students should have demonstrated their ability to:</p> <p># Complete a critical literature review at masters level</p>   |                |                            |                |  |          |       |  |            |       |   |            |       |

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|                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Frame a research question and choose appropriate methods of investigation</li> <li># Design and conduct on stated research topic in social health</li> <li># Complete analysis of a stated research topic in social health</li> <li># Present their research in a written report of an appropriate academic standard</li> <li># Communicate their research effectively and appropriately in oral form to an audience.</li> </ul>                                   |
| <b>Assessment:</b>                   | An oral presentation of 15 minutes (10 minute presentation, 5 minutes questions), due during the eleventh week of the first semester of enrolment (15%); an oral presentation of 20 minutes (15 minutes presentation, 5 minutes questions), due during the eleventh week of the second semester of enrolment (20%); a written research report of 5000 to 8,000 words, due during the examination period of the second semester of enrolment (65%). Students must pass the written research report (hurdle). |
| <b>Prescribed Texts:</b>             | None  |
| <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>               | <p>Upon completion of this subject, students will have developed skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Critical thinking and analysis,</li> <li># Initiative, autonomy and organization,</li> <li># Problem-solving,</li> <li># Finding, evaluating and using relevant information,</li> <li># Oral communication,</li> <li># Written communication.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Links to further information:</b> | <a href="http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au">http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au</a>   |
| <b>Notes:</b>                        |   |
| <b>Related Course(s):</b>            | Master of Public Health   |