

150 Point Master of Social Policy

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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>150 point program Duration: 1.5 years full-time / up to 3 years part-time The Master of Social Policy 150 point program requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # four compulsory subjects (50 points) <p>Coursework Only Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # eight elective subjects (100 points) <p>or</p> <p>Minor Thesis Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # minor thesis (37.5 points) # five elective subjects (62.5 points) <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 Stream 1: PPMN90002 Minor Thesis – Public/Social Policy Purpose: An opportunity to integrate knowledge and research skills to address a research question; pathway to the PhD.</p> <p>Capstone Stream 2: PPMN90039 Executive Internship 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.</p> <p>Capstone Stream 3: PPMN90043 Project-based Policy Analysis Purpose: An opportunity to work in a team-based project where knowledge and skills are applied to a practical project under the supervision of an academic and practitioner expert.</p>

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 (50 points)

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PPMN90044 Governance and Social Policy	Semester 2	12.50
SOCI90004 Contemporary Social Problems	April	12.50
SOCI90005 Social Research Design and Evaluation	Semester 2	12.50
SOCI90011 Foundations of Social Policy	March	12.50

Minor Thesis Option

Minor thesis (37.5 points)

Please note the following prior to enrolling in PPMN90002 Minor Thesis - Public /Social Policy:

- # the thesis subject can only be completed in the second hundred points of the program
- # students admitted into the 200 point and 150 point program must have completed 25 points of **compulsory** subjects within the program, with an average of H1 (80%)
- # to be eligible to enrol in the thesis, students must submit a 300 word thesis proposal for approval by the course coordinator prior to the semester of enrolment in the thesis
- # the minor thesis must be completed over two consecutive semesters

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

Elective Subjects**Coursework Only Option**

- # eight elective subjects (100 points)

or

Minor Thesis Option

- # five elective subjects (62.5 points)

Please note:

The following elective subjects require subject coordinator approval to enrol:

- # MGMT90037 Conflict and Negotiation
- # MGMT90049 Strategy, Ethics & Governance
- # ECON90047 Macroeconomics 2

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ABPL90135 Analytical Methods	Not offered 2015	12.50
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
CRIM90011 Research and Criminal Justice Governance	July	12.50
CRIM90020 Framing Crime	July	12.50
DEVT90035 Monitoring and Evaluation in Development	Semester 2	12.50
DEVT90039 Civil Society, NGOs and the State	Semester 2	12.50
ECON90029 Economics For Public Policy	Semester 1	12.50
ECON90047 Macroeconomics 2	Semester 1	12.50
ENST90002 Social Impact Assessment and Evaluation	Semester 2	12.50
ENST90004 Climate Change Politics and Policy	Semester 2	12.50
GEND90006 Gender, Globalisation and Development	March	12.50
MGMT90037 Conflict and Negotiation	July	12.50
MGMT90048 Quant Analysis for Managerial Decisions	May	12.50
MGMT90049 Strategy, Ethics & Governance	February	12.50
MULT50002 Indigenous Peoples in Global Context	February	12.50
MULT90059 Social Enterprise Incubator	Semester 2	12.50
NRMT90003 Social Research Methods	Semester 1	12.50
PADM90011 Governing Challenges 1	May	12.50
POLS40017 Social Policy and Development	March, November	12.50
POLS90015 Business and Government	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90058 Health Program Evaluation 1	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90090 Health Program Evaluation 2	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90093 Economic Evaluation 1	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
PPMN90003 Social Policy: Special Topics	March, May, Semester 1	12.50
PPMN90038 Inequality and Public Policy	Semester 1	12.50
PPMN90039 Executive Internship	Semester 1, Semester 2	25
SCWK90025 Ageing, Social Work & Social Policy	Not offered 2015	12.50
SOCI90006 Ageing, Society And Social Policy	March	12.50
SOCI90009 A Century of Australian Social Policy	Semester 1	12.50
SOTH90005 Social Inclusion, Politics, Recognition	September	12.50
SOTH90006 Social Inclusion Policy and Practice	May	12.50
SOCI40003 Understanding The Life Course	Semester 2	12.50
PPMN90043 Project-based Policy Analysis	Not offered 2015	25
PADM90012 Governing Challenges 2	October	12.5

Links to further information:	http://www.ssps.unimelb.edu.au/
Related Course(s):	Master of Social Policy