

## DEVT90011 Minor Thesis - Development Studies

<b>Credit Points:</b>	25
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2015, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: It is expected that students will meet with their supervisors at least fortnightly over two consecutive semesters of enrolment. Total Time Commitment: An average of 10 hours each week.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># students admitted into the 200 point and 150 point program must have completed 50 points of compulsory subjects within the program, with an average of H1 (80%)</li> <li># 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</li> <li># students enrolling in the minor thesis must also complete DEVT90041 Research Methods in Development</li> <li># the minor thesis must be completed over two consecutive semesters</li> </ul>
<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: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	Students enrolled in this subject will undertake a piece of research in Development Studies approved by the course coordinator. The research will incorporate an analysis of development theory and practice. On completion of the subject, students will submit a minor thesis on their chosen research topic. Students are expected to attend the development studies seminar series held each semester as part of their enrolment in this subject.
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	Students who successfully complete this subject will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have an awareness of the philosophy and scope of development;</li> <li># have acquired research skills and an understanding of methods used to analyse development issues and processes;</li> <li># have undertaken research in a specialised area of their choice and submitted a thesis;</li> <li># have written a coherent and empirically substantiated research paper;</li> <li># defended that paper.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A thesis of 15,000 words, due at the end of the second semester of enrolment. The following Hurdle Requirements must be met in order for students to be eligible to submit the final Thesis:

	1. Supervision: Regular supervisory meetings 2. Topic Proposal Form: To be submitted by the first week of the Semester of thesis enrolment 3. Progress Report: To be submitted half way through the thesis year 4. Thesis Draft: A full draft of the thesis is to be submitted approximately 5 weeks prior to the final thesis submission date. Final Theses submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per working day.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Appropriate texts will be determined in consultation with Thesis supervisor
<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>	Students who successfully complete this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># be able to obtain information to evaluate empirical and theoretical propositions;</li> <li># develop research skills including the logic of research design, research methods and writing;</li> <li># pursue an intensive investigation of a selected topic in development studies;</li> <li># think critically about development methods, concepts, and theories;</li> <li># engage in independent research work;</li> <li># write coherent research proposals.</li> </ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.ssps.unimelb.edu.au/study/ads/">http://www.ssps.unimelb.edu.au/study/ads/</a>
<b>Notes:</b>	Students are strongly advised to consult the course coordinator for course and subject planning at an early stage of the course if they intend to undertake the minor thesis project. Enrolment in this thesis subject must be over two consecutive semesters.
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	100 Point Master of Development Studies 150 Point Master of Development Studies 150 Point Master of Development Studies (Gender & Development) 200 Point Master of Development Studies 200 Point Master of Development Studies (Gender & Development)