

GEOG20001 Society and Environments

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	2 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2015, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Three hours of lectures/practicals per week Total Time Commitment: 170 hours
Prerequisites:	Completion of 100 points of first and/or second year subjects including at least 50 points at first year level from approved subjects in your home faculty.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	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. This course requires all students to enrol in subjects where they must actively and safely contribute to field excursions and laboratory activities. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Subject Coordinator and Disability Liaison http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ students email: disability-liaison@unimelb.edu.au
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Subject Overview:	This subject aims to think critically and rigorously about the relationship between social and natural worlds. Its primary purpose is to question the idea that the environment exists outside of, and independent from, the realms of science, culture, politics and economy. Students will be introduced to different conceptual frameworks for understanding the environment as a social entity; to the processes by which capitalism and science structures social and environmental relations; and to alternative modes of living in, and thinking about, the environment. These broad themes will be addressed through engaging examples from Australia and beyond. Particular attention will be given to the concept of 'wilderness'; the postcolonial nature of the zoo; ecotourism; the politics of visualising nature (e.g. through wildlife documentary); the 'new natures' of genetic modification; and ideas about 'environmental justice' and 'climate crisis'.
Learning Outcomes:	N/A
Assessment:	A field report of 1,500 words 40% (due early in semester), a take-home exam essay of 2,000 words 45% (due at the end of semester), a practical presentation and participation equivalent to 500 words 15%. Completion of each of these three assessment tasks is a hurdle requirement of this subject.
Prescribed Texts:	N/A
Breadth Options:	This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses: # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-COM)

	<p># Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2015/B-MUS)</p> <p>You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p>
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be capable of critical reading; # be capable of thinking, writing and speaking in theoretical terms; # develop presentation skills; # develop skills in written communication; # be capable of approaching research problems in the field.
Notes:	<p>Students enrolled in the BSc (both pre-2008 and new degrees), or a combined BSc course (except for the BA/BSc) may receive science credit on the completion of this subject.</p> <p>BSc students may receive second year level credit for this subject.</p>
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<p>Development Studies Development Studies Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major Environmental Geography Environmental Studies Environments Discipline subjects Geography Human Geography Human Geography Integrated Geography Integrated Geography Landscape Management major Science-credited subjects - new generation B-SCI and B-ENG. Selective subjects for B-BMED Sociology Sociology Urban Design and Planning major</p>
Related Breadth Track(s):	People and Environment