

# Health Social Sciences

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<b>Overview:</b>	<p>Students specialising in Health Social Science will acquire knowledge and skills in both the theory and methods of the social sciences as applied to public health. The social sciences make a significant contribution to our capacity to both understand public health problems, and to offer novel solutions. Students will have the opportunity to develop higher order skills in social theorising with an emphasis on critical analysis, and written and verbal communication. Students who undertake a research project will also develop knowledge and skills in social science research methods, and their application to health. The social and political dimensions of illness and suffering and the cultural differences in the understanding of health care delivery present important challenges, not only to practitioners, but also to administrators and planners. This specialisation incorporates subjects from health ethics, sociology of health and illness, medical anthropology and the history of health care, providing students with a social science 'toolkit' for their public health careers. Examples of complex health issues will be used to demonstrate the application of the social sciences to public health, for example; stem cell research, alcohol use, contraception and abortion and the development of culturally sensitive population health programs.</p>																	
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	-																	
<b>Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p><b>Standard 200 Point Program (no Advanced Standing):</b>  FIVE core subjects and TEN elective subjects and the Capstone Selective POPH90227 Public Health in Practice <b>OR</b>  FIVE core subjects, NINE elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit</p> <p><b>Students granted 25 Credit Points Advanced Standing:</b>  FIVE core subjects and EIGHT elective subjects and the Capstone Selective POPH90227 Public Health in Practice <b>OR</b>  FIVE core subjects, SEVEN elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit</p> <p><b>Students granted 50 Credit Points Advanced Standing:</b>  FOUR core subjects and SEVEN elective subjects and the Capstone Selective POPH90227 Public Health in Practice <b>OR</b>  FOUR core subjects and EIGHT elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit</p>																	
<b>Subject Options:</b>	<p><b>Core Subjects</b>  Student must complete POPH90217 unless they have been granted 50 points Advanced Standing (150 point program) or an exemption has been granted.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90217 Foundations of Public Health</td> <td>February</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90013 Biostatistics</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90014 Epidemiology 1</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90231 Qualitative Research in Public Health</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90217 Foundations of Public Health	February	12.50	POPH90013 Biostatistics	Semester 1	12.50	POPH90014 Epidemiology 1	Semester 1	12.50	POPH90231 Qualitative Research in Public Health	Semester 2	12.50
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POPH90218 Public Health Leadership and Management	July	12.50
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### Highly Recommended Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90201 Community-Based Participatory Research	Semester 1	12.5
POPH90245 Health Illness and Society	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90248 Womb to Tomb: Life Course Public Health	Semester 2	12.50

### Other Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90270 Ethics in Public Health	Semester 1	12.5
POPH90199 Gender and Health	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90205 Health Inequalities	Semester 2	12.50

### Pre-requisite Subjects for the Research Project Option

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90200 Principles of Social Research Design	February	12.50
POPH90231 Qualitative Research in Public Health	Semester 2	12.50

### Capstone

There are three Capstone options to choose from - please refer to the Course Entry for detailed information on each of these:

- 1 Research Project
- 2 Professional Practice Unit
- 3 Capstone selective subject (POPH90227 Public health in Practice) and an additional elective.

**Related Course(s):** Master of Public Health