

HUMN 2046 RESEARCHING CULTURE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101906

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Description This unit introduces students to the diverse field of cultural research. It outlines and explains qualitative research methods and methodologies used by cultural researchers. Tutorials and assessment tasks involve 'hands-on' activities designed to familiarise students with the research process and research practices that explore taken-for-granted aspects of everyday life such as interviews, focus groups and observation based research; as well as sensory research, the use of diary methods, and the critically important ethical dimensions of social and cultural research. Through completion of this unit, students will gain critical literacies in creating and analysing a range of qualitative data.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Studies In Human Society

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Pre-requisite(s) HUMN 1017 OR HUMN 1049

Restrictions Successful completion of 40 credit points including one of the pre-requisite subjects shown above.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Explain and appropriately utilise key methods used in cultural research
2. Critically discuss and evaluate cultural research projects
3. Demonstrate understanding of contemporary debates about the practice and ethics of cultural research

Subject Content

- Introduction to cultural research
- Exploring experience: conceptual and ethical issues
- Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Observation based research
- Sensory research
- Conversation analysis
- Researching material culture

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Portfolio	800 words (plus associated practical element of exercise)	20	N	Individual
Portfolio	1,200 words (plus associated practical element of exercises)	40	N	Individual
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Prescribed Texts

- The prescribed text for this subject is the Researching Culture Subject Reader available from WSU Connect.

Teaching Periods

Autumn Bankstown

Day

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Penrith (Kingswood)

Day

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Day

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