

HUMN 7029 MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE THESIS

Credit Points 20

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Description This is a 40 credit point year-long subject taken over two terms (20 credit points in each term). This yearlong subject requires the completion of a research thesis and associated activities. The purpose of this subject is the completion of a research study building on the research subjects so far completed in the core subjects of the Master of Social Science. Students will work with a supervisor to frame, conceptualise, conduct and complete a research study and present a final research thesis.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Studies In Human Society

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 20cp

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) HUMN 7036 AND HUMN 7045

Co-requisite(s) HUMN 7001

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 1770 Master of Social Science or 1712 Master of Planning and have successfully completed 80 credit points including subjects 102175 Research in the Social Sciences & 102179 Theories of the Social.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate advanced knowledge and critical analysis skills in reviewing relevant literature
2. Formulate a successful research proposal for high level independent research thesis
3. Identify and apply a comprehensive understanding of the purpose and the requirements for ethics approval
4. Successfully argue the case for the methodology and theoretical perspective for a research project
5. Apply their skills and knowledge in a sustained program of critical reading, research activities and research writing
6. Present the research at a professional standard to an academic audience
7. Exemplify advanced academic analytical and written skills in the completion of the final written research thesis

Subject Content

Supervision contract with an academic supervisor

Seminars and workshops conducted from time-to-time to support completion of the research thesis

Literature review

Research proposal ? research question, methodology, research design, collection and analysis methods

Ethics application and clearance, as necessary

Research activities to complete the thesis

Writing activities to complete the thesis

Written and seminar presentation of the research findings and report

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
Literature Review	3,000 words	20	N	Individual
Proposal	2,000 words	10	N	Individual
Theory & Methodology Discussion paper	2,500 words	15	N	Individual
Seminar presentation & Attendance	20 minutes	5	N	Individual
Thesis	15,000 words	50	Y	Individual

Teaching Periods