

# HUMN 7054 SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH PROJECT

**Credit Points** 40

**Legacy Code** 102817

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**Description** This unit requires students to design, plan and manage a research project using existing literature and/or data sets. Students will engage critically and analytically with the literature in the field, and undertake research to evaluate and report on research findings. Under the guidance of an academic supervisor students will develop a research question, conduct a systematic review of literature/write a case study/work on an existing dataset, and write a thesis on a topic related to the social sciences. Through this process, students will gain insight into the various components of the research process. Further, they will demonstrate an ability to identify issues, synthesise salient information, and articulate original ideas to make a practical contribution to the existing body of knowledge relevant to the social sciences.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Studies in Human Society, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 40cp

**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** HUMN 7052 - Humanitarian and Development Research Project

## Restrictions

Students must have completed 80 credit points in a postgraduate program.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Argue for the significance of research and their impact on society
2. Systemically and critically analyse literature and information sources that are related to the identified research question / hypothesis
3. Justify a research proposal in relation to its significance in the literature, its anticipated impact and the ethical considerations involved
4. Apply appropriate research methods and evaluation processes to collate and critically analyse/interpret data
5. Compose a scientific research report that synthesises research findings.
6. Effectively communicate/disseminate findings of a research project to a variety of audiences

## Subject Content

1. The scientific method: Origins and general philosophical approaches
2. Qualitative research methods (Philosophy of qualitative research, observation, good practices and criteria, qualitative interviewing, qualitative analysis, mixed methods)
3. Quantitative research methods (research design, measurement, sampling)
4. Practice, Ethics and Integrity

5. Research proposal development
6. Project Report
7. Presentation of research findings

## 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/<br>Group Task |
|--------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Proposal     | 3,000 words  | 30      | N         | Individual                |
| Presentation | 20 minutes   | 10      | N         | Individual                |
| Report       | 12,000 words | 60      | Y         | Individual                |

Teaching Periods

## 1st Half

### Parramatta City - Macquarie St

#### Day

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