

HUMN 7005 CAREER AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 800198

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Description A key skill in becoming a professional researcher is learning how to manage your career options. Fundamental aspects of this include making strategic choices regarding research focus and employment directions, learning to build professional networks both locally and internationally, and undertaking self-directed learning to continually expand your abilities and knowledge. This subject is designed to provide a structured approach to these aspects of career planning, and will include collaborative workshops where experienced researchers join the group to discuss the art of navigating around external constraints while forging your own path forward. As an early application of these principles, the subject involves completion of your Confirmation of Candidature proposal.

School Graduate Research School

Discipline Studies In Human Society

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a PhD program or program 8111 - Graduate Certificate in Researcher Engagement, Development and Impact

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Assess the skills required for a range of employment options, both within and outside academia;
2. Clearly articulate their career options and goals;
3. Demonstrate the worthiness of the proposed research with respect to gaps or conflicts in present knowledge or understanding;
4. Prepare a comprehensive and critical literature review;
5. Explain how their thesis is related to the literature;
6. Demonstrate the ability to professionally present themselves to potential employers and networks in an ePortfolio.

Subject Content

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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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Portfolio	1,000 words	S/U	Y	Individual
Presentation	2,000 words	S/U	Y	Individual
Reflection	500 words	S/U	Y	Individual