

HUMN 2046 RESEARCHING CULTURE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101906

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Description This subject 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 subject, 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 1066 Introduction to Culture and Society OR HUMN 1049 Understanding Visual Culture

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

1. Introduction to cultural research
2. Exploring experience: conceptual and ethical issues
3. Interviews
4. Focus Groups
5. Observation based research
6. Sensory research
7. Researching material culture
8. Diary method
9. Statistics and cultural research
10. Mixed methods

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	Mandatory
Portfolio	400 words (plus associated practical element of exercise)	10	N	Individual	N
Portfolio	1,200 words (plus associated practical element of exercises)	40	N	Individual	N
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Participation	Completion of 10 of preparation activities and participation in in-class activities	10	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

None

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025) Bankstown City

On-site

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Penrith (Kingswood)

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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