

HUMN 2066 INVESTIGATING AND COMMUNICATING SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102816

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Description This subject builds interdisciplinary social science skills to investigate and engage with social challenges that impact contemporary society. Students are introduced to the methods and principles of research for community consultation, strengths assessment and capacity building. Data literacy skills will be developed, with a focus on understanding and creating qualitative and quantitative data and how they are used within contemporary society. Students will be asked to investigate and intervene in social challenges using ethical and evidence-based analyses. The subject is aimed to suit students who are pursuing either a research or occupational trajectory and assessments are tailored to discipline-appropriate learning.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Sociology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Equivalent Subjects HUMN 2049 - Social Research Methods

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Discuss contemporary social challenges and the role of research in taking affirmative action.
2. Develop data literacy skills within the contexts of social research, professional practice, and engaged citizenship.
3. Explain how quantitative and qualitative data are used by various elements of society.
4. Address issues surrounding bias and misinformation regarding social issues.
5. Apply problem solving skills using both written and verbal forms of communication.

Subject Content

Contemporary social issues and challenges within the community
Data literacy for social and professional practice
Bias and misinformation in contemporary society
Numerical Literacy
Data collection and analysis for community consultation and capacity building
Community strengths and needs assessment

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
Case Study	500 words	20	N	Individual	Y
Reflection	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Report	1,000 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

WSU Online TRI-1 (2025)

Wsu Online

Online

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Autumn (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

Hybrid

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Liverpool

Hybrid

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Hybrid

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Sydney City Campus - Term 1 (2025)

Sydney City

On-site

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WSU Online TRI-3 (2025)

Wsu Online

Online

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Summer (2025)

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