

HUMN 7001 ADVANCED SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102177

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Description Students in Advanced Social Research Methods concentrate on methods for collecting and analysing research data. The subject builds on the key research concepts established in 102175 Research in the Social Sciences, in particular research methodology. Advanced Social Research Methods provides students with an overview of research design and the methods for collecting and analysing research data within the broad spectrum of the social sciences. This includes purposes, strengths and limitations and applications to professional domains and/or discipline contexts. Students attend in-depth workshops on specific methods offered by practicing researchers to evaluate the merits of different research methods.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Sociology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) HUMN 7036

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critically compare different research methodologies and approaches in the Social Sciences.
2. Demonstrate critical and strategic understanding of qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods research traditions in the social sciences.
3. Demonstrate depth of understanding of a range of methods of collecting and analysing research data, including their purposes, strengths and limitations.
4. Explicate the potential application of methods for collecting and analysing research data in relation to a research topic in a social science setting.

Subject Content

1. Research Methodologies in the Social Sciences ? theories and frameworks
2. Evaluation of qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods traditions
3. Methods of collecting and analysing research data (a range of methods will be reviewed)
4. Reading and evaluating social research reports

5. Application in professional fields of social research and social research 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
Participation - online discussion on guest lectures	4 x 250 word contributions (total 1,000 words)	10	N	Individual	
Reflection - critical reflections on 3 methods of data collection	3 x 1,000 word reflections (3000 words total)	45	N	Individual	
Report - critical reflection on data analysis based on 2 of the methods discussed in assignment 2	2,000 words	45	N	Individual	

Prescribed Texts

- Bryman, A. (2016) Social research methods. (5th edn.). Oxford, NY: Oxford University Press.