

2012 Specialisation – Social Research Methods

WHY SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS?

This specialisation embraces quantitative and qualitative research methods within the social and behavioural sciences. It provides a broad and thorough grounding in research methods particularly valuable to students wishing to pursue post-graduate research. It also provides solid practical training in research skills directly applicable to a variety of employment settings eg, human resources, market research, community services. Because of its strength in non-experimental research designs, it provides valuable skills in developing and completing research projects in but not limited to diverse disciplines such as sociology, health sciences, business and organizational studies.

Guidelines for students who commence their course from 2010 onwards

To complete this specialisation, students are required to complete SIX (6) units of study. Students are also strongly advised that they MUST have successfully completed elementary statistics prior to commencing this specialisation.

Guidelines for students who commenced their course prior to 2010

To complete this specialisation (formerly known as major), students are required to complete SIX (6) units of study, starting at Year two (2). Students MUST have completed first year Psychology for entry into this specialisation ie **APP1012 and APP1013**.

All students should consult their course structure to determine if specific units from the 'Other Specialisation' list should be undertaken to satisfy the requirements of their degree.

Discipline Coordinator

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Structure for students starting the specialisation in 2010 or 2011					
Year Level	Unit Code	Unit Title	Prerequisites	Campus *evening class	Unit Coordinator
Semester 1					
2	APS2030	Qualitative Social Research Methods 1	Nil	F, S	Wally Karnilowicz
3	APS3020	Qualitative Social Research Methods 2	APS2030	F, S	Wally Karnilowicz
Semester 2					
1	APP1016	Foundations of Psychological Research	Nil	F, S	
2	APS2040	Quantitative Social Research Methods 1	Students are advised that they must have successfully completed elementary statistics prior to commencing this unit.	F, S	Andrew Jago
3	APS3021	Quantitative Social Research Methods 2	APS2040	F, S	Andrew Jago
3	APS3040	Independent Research Project	APS3020	F, S	Wally Karnilowicz

Structure for students who commenced the specialisation prior to 2010 – Students must have completed APP1012 Psychology 1A and APP1013 Psychology 1B before starting the specialisation in 2009 or earlier					
Year Level	Unit Code	Unit Title	Prerequisites	Campus *evening class	Unit Coordinator
Semester 1					
2	APS2030	Qualitative Social Research Methods 1	APP1012 / 1013	F, S	Wally Karnilowicz
3	APS3020	Qualitative Social Research Methods 2	APS2030	F, S	Wally Karnilowicz
2/3	APP3023	Psychological Issues in the Workplace	APP1012 / 1013	F, S	Keis Ohtsuka
Semester 2					
2	APS2040	Quantitative Social Research Methods 1	APP1012 / 1013	F, S	Andrew Jago
3	APS3021	Quantitative Social Research Methods 2	APS2040	F, S	Andrew Jago
3	APS3040	Independent Research Project	APS3020	F, S	Wally Karnilowicz
2/3	APP3023	Psychological Issues in the Workplace (If not already completed in semester 1)	APP1012 / 1013	F, S	Keis Ohtsuka

Campus Codes: F = Footscray Park, S = St Albans

All units are offered subject to sufficient numbers and may be cancelled if there are insufficient enrolments.

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