



SOSS3002

Social Science Project

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Course Overview

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Course Details

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Summary of the Course

How can social research be used to influence and change policy? In this course, you will undertake a social science research project in one of several policy areas. Building on the knowledge you have acquired in research courses and on the analytical skills necessary for policy-related work, you will develop and undertake a project with an applied focus. You will independently prepare a literature review and a research proposal, conduct the research, and write a report embodying the results of the research. You will also work with a group on one aspect of the project and present an engaging summary of your research to the class. You will be actively supported by a Seminar Leader with expertise in a particular policy area.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Undertake and manage an applied social research project, individually and as part of a team
2. Develop and prepare a research proposal, research report, and present the research findings to a wider audience
3. Plan, conduct and manage an applied research project as part of a working research team
4. Interpret and communicate research findings to different audiences.
5. Develop the skills to effectively present and communicate their research findings to a group

Teaching Strategies

In this course, you will be engaged in learning through structured hands-on research activities. The assessment tasks to develop, conduct and present on a research project are designed for you to reflect on your understanding of the subject and develop skills in research and communication, both written and verbal. The course is designed to build on prior experience and knowledge gained in previous study, to encourage independent work and to provide meaningful and timely feedback.

Assessment

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
Research proposal	30%	Not Applicable	1, 2
Group presentation	20%	Not Applicable	1, 2, 4, 5
Research report	50%	Not Applicable	1, 2, 3, 5

Assessment Details

Assessment 1: Research proposal

Start date: Not Applicable

Length: 1500 words

Details:

This task involves preparing a 1500 word research proposal, which includes a literature review and an explanation of the methods to be employed.

Students will receive written feedback and a numerical grade within ten days of submission. The rubric will be available to students at the start of the course so that they can work towards specified standards.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Assessment 2: Group presentation

Start date: Not Applicable

Length: 20 minutes + 5-10 minutes for questions

Details:

This task involves developing and presenting a 20 minute group presentation on the results and conclusions of a particular aspect of the research project. An additional 10 minutes is provided for questions.

Students will receive written feedback and a numerical grade within two weeks of the presentation. The rubric will be available to students at the start of the course so that they can work towards specified standards

Turnitin setting: This is not a Turnitin assignment

Assessment 3: Research report

Start date: Not Applicable

Length: 3000 words

Details:

This task involves writing a 3000 word report drawing on the research that has been conducted throughout the semester. This is the final assessment in the course for attendance purposes. Students will receive written feedback and a numerical grade within ten days of submission. The rubric will be available to students at the start of the course so that they can work towards specified standards.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Resources

Recommended Resources

Course Evaluation and Development

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au . Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle assignment. In instances where this is not possible, it will be stated on your course's Moodle site with alternative submission details.

For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle>

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

Copying: using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This also applies to images, art and design projects, as well as presentations where someone presents another's ideas or words without credit.

Inappropriate paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

Collusion: working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

Inappropriate citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Duplication ("self-plagiarism"): submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Correct referencing practices:

- Paraphrasing, summarising, essay writing and time management
- Appropriate use of and attribution for a range of materials including text, images, formulae and concepts.

Individual assistance is available on request from The Learning Centre (<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/>). Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items.

UNSW Library also has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW but it can also be a great refresher during your study.

Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time

- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Some of these areas will be familiar to you, others will be new. Gaining a solid understanding of all the related aspects of ELISE will help you make the most of your studies at UNSW.

<http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise/aboutelise>

Academic Information

For essential student information relating to:

- requests for extension;
- late submissions guidelines;
- review of marks;
- UNSW Health and Safety policies;
- examination procedures;
- special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- student equity and disability;
- and other essential academic information, see

<https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/current-students/academic-information/protocols-guidelines/>

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