SOCA4110 - Sociology and Anthropology Honours III
Course Outline

Course Coordinator  Dr Ann Taylor
Semester  Semester 1 - 2009
Unit Weighting  20
Teaching Methods  Case Study
                Individual Supervision
                Self Directed Learning

Brief Course Description
This course develops a student's skills and competencies in the development and communication of research findings. The course is conducted under the direct supervision of one or more academic staff members, who act as the student's honours research supervisor or supervisors. The course operates in conjunction with SOCA4120 which is the second of two courses devoted to the Honours thesis in Sociology and Anthropology. SOCA4110 is largely concerned with data collection and analysis and involves carrying out a research plan and making first drafts of some sections.

Contact Hours
Self Directed Learning for 7 Hours per Week for the Full Term
Case Study for 12 Hours per Week for the Full Term
Individual Supervision for 1 Hour per Week for the Full Term
Contact hours by arrangement with supervisor.

Learning Materials/Texts

Course Objectives
By the end of this course students will have:
1. Advanced competency in developing and communicating research findings in a 15,000 word thesis.
2. Capacity to structure and formulate arguments within a lengthy written text.
3. Capacity to communicate research findings involving very high analytical levels.
4. Capacity to communicate research findings that position conclusions within a student's overall field of enquiry.
5. Research skills necessary to undertake higher-level and post-graduate research and writing.

Course Content
Supervision of students in:
- Structuring a thesis text to communicate logically the outcomes of a student's research project
- Developing logical and coherent arguments and conclusions within a text that are adequately supported by appropriate evidence
- Use of techniques involving selection of multiple drafting, editing and use of appropriate analytical language to communicate findings to an academic audience
- Engagement in processes of relating specific findings to the overall concerns of research in Sociology and Anthropology
- Encouragement and support of students to achieve a high level of analytical competence and strongest opportunity to pursue further research and study.
- Making a formal oral presentation on the thesis project to a suitable discipline group within the first six weeks of semester.
Assessment Items

| Other: (please specify) | Research Thesis |

Assumed Knowledge
Completion of SOCA4090 Honours I and SOCA 4100 Honours II.

Callaghan Campus Timetable
SOCA4110
SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY HONS III
Enquiries: School of Humanities and Social Science
Semester 1 - 2009
Seminar Tuesday 12:00 - 13:00 Individual Supervision

Ourimbah Timetable
SOCA4110
SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY HONS III
Enquiries: School of Humanities and Social Science
Semester 1 - 2009
Seminar Tuesday 10:00 - 11:00

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity, honesty, and a respect for knowledge, truth and ethical practices are fundamental to the business of the University. These principles are at the core of all academic endeavour in teaching, learning and research. Dishonest practices contravene academic values, compromise the integrity of research and devalue the quality of learning. To preserve the quality of learning for the individual and others, the University may impose severe sanctions on activities that undermine academic integrity. There are two major categories of academic dishonesty:

**Academic fraud** is a form of academic dishonesty that involves making a false representation to gain an unjust advantage. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it can include:

a) falsification of data;

b) using a substitute person to undertake, in full or part, an examination or other assessment item;

c) reusing one's own work, or part thereof, that has been submitted previously and counted towards another course (without permission);

d) making contact or colluding with another person, contrary to instructions, during an examination or other assessment item;

e) bringing material or device(s) into an examination or other assessment item other than such as may be specified for that assessment item; and

f) making use of computer software or other material and device(s) during an examination or other assessment item other than such as may be specified for that assessment item.
contract cheating or having another writer compete for tender to produce an essay or assignment and then submitting the work as one's own.

**Plagiarism** is the presentation of the thoughts or works of another as one's own. University policy prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it may include:

a) copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment;

b) using another person's ideas without due acknowledgment;

c) collusion or working with others without permission, and presenting the resulting work as though it were completed independently.

**Turnitin** is an electronic text matching system. During assessing any assessment item the University may -

- Reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University; and/or

- Communicate a copy of this assessment item to a text matching service (which may then retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future checking).

- Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking

**RE-MARKS AND MODERATIONS**

Students can access the University's policy at:


**MARKS AND GRADES RELEASED DURING TERM**

All marks and grades released during term are indicative only until formally approved by the Head of School.

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING ASSESSMENT ITEMS**

*Extension of Time for Assessment Items, Deferred Assessment and Special Consideration for Assessment Items or Formal Written Examinations* items must be submitted by the due date in the Course Outline unless the Course Coordinator approves an extension. Unapproved late submissions will be penalised in line with the University policy specified in **Late Penalty** above.

**Requests for Extensions of Time** must be lodged no later than the due date of the item. This applies to students:

- applying for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item on the basis of medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment; or

- whose attendance at or performance in an assessment item or formal written examination has been or will be affected by medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment.

Students must report the circumstances, with supporting documentation, as outlined in the Special Circumstances Affecting Assessment Items Procedure at:


**Note:** different procedures apply for minor and major assessment tasks.
Students should be aware of the following important deadlines:

- Special Consideration Requests must be lodged no later than 3 working days after the due date of submission or examination.

- Rescheduling Exam requests must be received no later than 10 working days prior the first date of the examination period.

_Late applications may not be accepted._ Students who cannot meet the above deadlines due to extenuating circumstances should speak firstly to their Program Officer or their Program Executive if studying in Singapore.

**STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS**

University is committed to providing a range of support services for students with a disability or chronic illness. If you have a disability or chronic illness which you feel may impact on your studies please feel free to discuss your support needs with your lecturer or course coordinator.

Disability Support may also be provided by the Student Support Service (Disability). Students must be registered to receive this type of support. To register contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 02 4921 5766, email at: student-disability@newcastle.edu.au. As some forms of support can take a few weeks to implement it is extremely important that you discuss your needs with your lecturer, course coordinator or Student Support Service staff at the beginning of each semester. For more information on confidentiality and documentation visit the Student Support Service (Disability) website: www.newcastle.edu.au/services/disability.

**CHANGING YOUR ENROLMENT**

Students enrolled after the census dates listed in the link below are liable for the full cost of their student contribution or fees for that term.


Students may withdraw from a course without academic penalty on or before the last day of term. Any withdrawal from a course after the last day of term will result in a fail grade.

_Students cannot enrol in a new course after the second week of term_, except under exceptional circumstances. Any application to add a course after the second week of term must be on the appropriate form, and should be discussed with staff in the Student Hubs or with your Program Executive at PSB if you are a Singapore student.

To check or change your enrolment online go to myHub: [https://myhub.newcastle.edu.au](https://myhub.newcastle.edu.au)

**STUDENT INFORMATION & CONTACTS**

Various services are offered by the Student Support Unit: [www.newcastle.edu.au/service/studentsupport/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/studentsupport/)

The Student Hubs are a one-stop shop for the delivery of student related services and are the first point of contact for students studying in Australia. Student Hubs are located at:

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Singapore students
contact your PSB Program Executive

Central Coast Campus (Ourimbah)
Student Hub: Opposite the Main Cafeteria

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