

## Social Work

**This area of study is only available to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) or the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours). BA students wishing to enrol in social work subjects should see *Social Work subjects available in the Bachelor of Arts (p.1)* for more information.**

The Melbourne School of Social Work is a leading provider of professional social work education in Victoria. Melbourne is the longest established School of Social Work in the state and has strong partnership links with major health and social welfare agencies. A wide range of fieldwork placement opportunities are available for students in challenging areas such as child and family welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, aged care, rehabilitation and health. Teaching in the Bachelor of Social Work course is informed by a substantial research program and is enhanced by cutting-edge educational developments in multimedia and experiential learning. The school's extensive postgraduate program offers many opportunities for life-long professional learning as a social worker. Melbourne Bachelor of Social Work students are keenly sought by human service agencies and are quickly employed upon graduation.

Students should note that only the following five subjects are available for credit towards the Bachelor of Arts:

- 196-003 Winners? Losers? Inequality in Australia (p.1)
- 196-004 Contemporary Social Policy (p.1)
- 196-001 Human Resilience across the Lifespan (p.1)
- 196-002 Human Risk and Vulnerable Populations (p.1)
- 196-213 The Legal Context of Human Services (p.1)

All other social work subjects are exclusively available to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work course.

### Time commitment to study

As well as scheduled contact hours for lectures, tutorial and seminars a considerable additional time commitment is needed to complete the academic requirements of each subject.

A subject-specific time commitment to study will be provided by your lecturer or tutor at the beginning of semester to help you schedule your workload and successfully manage your time during the semester. In addition, general estimates of the total time commitment required to study a 12.5-point single semester subject in the Faculty of Arts can be found on page 1.

### BSW course objectives

The Bachelor of Social Work course at the University of Melbourne prepares qualified social workers by providing a teaching and learning environment which develops knowledge, values, commitment and skills in working with people in need. Our graduates will be committed to the highest ideals and expectations of informed, skilled, caring and compassionate practitioners. They will work towards securing a more just, fair and equitable society in which social inequalities, discrimination and disadvantage are eliminated and people's power, abilities and potentials are enhanced. They will demonstrate ethical principles consistent with the standards of the AASW.

Our graduates will be able to work with individuals, couples, families, groups and communities, and in particular in partnership with those who are socially, economically, politically, structurally and interpersonally disadvantaged. We expect our graduates to be able to suitably use the multiple methods that characterise our profession, including direct practice with individuals and families, work with groups and communities, social policy reform and development, program development, social work research, advocacy and social action. Our graduates will demonstrate their understanding and abilities in challenging, professionally supervised and diverse social work practice settings.

The Bachelor of Social Work course offered by the School of Social Work at the University of Melbourne is characterised by a number of major themes:

- The School aims to graduate beginning social work practitioners who have critical analytical and problem-solving skills that they can apply to their practice and to the theories and models that inform that practice. Our graduates are expected to have a profound respect for the products of critical inquiry and intellectual integrity.
- The School aims to graduate practitioners who have a clear understanding and commitment to the values, ethics and high ideals of the social work profession, including social justice and human rights. The School has specifically adopted a theoretically pluralistic position to encourage an attitude to knowledge that is open to new ideas, that eschews dogmatism and that values seeking the creative and situation-specific application of ideas to the demands of social work practice.
- The School encourages its graduates to value diversity. Diversity in terms of indigenous peoples, cultural diversity, sexual identity, ability, and an

inclusive appreciation of the diverse groups and identities that comprise Australian society and our international neighbours.

- It is the School's intention to graduate social workers who have excellent oral, written and knowledge retrieval skills. Substantial emphasis is given to the ability of students to access knowledge using the latest technological services and to their ability to express their ideas in critical practice-based tasks.
- The School aims to produce graduates who are skilled and ready to work across the range of social work practice settings and are able to use the full range of beginning methods of the profession.
- The School specifically focuses upon producing graduates who will be the future leaders of the profession, by providing opportunities for excellence to be channeled into an Honours program that interfaces with our post-graduate subjects. Our students also learn teamwork and time management skills through intentionally structured tasks and experiences within the class-based educational and supervised professional practice programs.

## BSW course structure

### The three-year program

for undergraduates commencing after one year of approved study

<b>First year</b>		Points
<b>Semester 1</b>		
196-001	Human Resilience across the Lifespan (p.1)	12.5
196-003	Winners? Losers? Inequality in Australia (p.1)	12.5
196-200	Social Work Theory & Practice 1 (p.4)	12.5
196-202	Organisational Contexts of Practice (p.4)	12.5
<b>Semester 2</b>		
196-002	Human Risk and Vulnerable Populations (p.1)	12.5
196-004	Contemporary Social Policy (p.1)	12.5
196-212	Social Work Practice and Diversity (p.5)	12.5
196-213	The Legal Context of Human Services (p.1)	12.5
<b>Second year</b>		Points
<b>All year</b>		
196-008	Supervised Professional Practice 1# (p.4)	37.5
<b>Semester 1</b>		
196-007	Communication Skills for Human Services (p.3)	12.5
196-010	Fields of Social Work Practice A (p.4)	12.5
196-210	Social Work Practice with Communities (p.4)	12.5
<b>Semester 2</b>		
196-006	Psychosocial Theory and Practice (p.3)	12.5
196-211	Social Work Practice with Groups (p.4)	12.5
<b>Third year</b>		Points
<b>All year</b>		
196-310	Supervised Professional Practice 2# (p.5)	37.5
<b>Semester 1</b>		
196-214	Fields of Social Work Practice B (p.5)	12.5
196-311	Social Work Practice with Families (p.5)	12.5
196-312	Social Work Practice Research (p.5)	12.5
<b>Semester 2</b>		
196-313	Advanced Practice Methods Laboratory (p.5)	12.5
196-314	Social Work Programming (p.6)	12.5

### The two-year accelerated program

for graduates and undergraduates commencing after two years of approved study

<b>First year</b>		Points
<b>All year</b>		
196-008	Supervised Professional Practice 1# (p.4)	37.5
<b>Semester 1</b>		
196-001	Human Resilience across the Lifespan (p.1)	12.5
196-003	Winners? Losers? Inequality in Australia (p.1)	12.5
196-007	Communication Skills for Human Services (p.3)	12.5
196-200	Social Work Theory & Practice 1 (p.4)	12.5
196-202	Organisational Contexts of Practice (p.4)	12.5
<b>Semester 2</b>		
196-002	Human Risk and Vulnerable Populations (p.1)	12.5
196-004	Contemporary Social Policy (p.1)	12.5
196-006	Psychosocial Theory and Practice (p.3)	12.5
196-211	Social Work Practice with Groups (p.4)	12.5
<b>Second year</b>		Points
<b>All year</b>		
196-310	Supervised Professional Practice 2# (p.5)	37.5

**Second year****Semester 1**

	Points
196-010 Fields of Social Work Practice A (p.4)	12.5
196-210 Social Work Practice with Communities (p.4)	12.5
196-214 Fields of Social Work Practice B (p.5)	12.5
196-311 Social Work Practice with Families (p.5)	12.5
196-312 Social Work Practice Research (p.5)	12.5

**Semester 2**

196-212 Social Work Practice and Diversity (p.5)	12.5
196-213 The Legal Context of Human Services (p.1)	12.5
196-313 Advanced Practice Methods Laboratory (p.5)	12.5
196-314 Social Work Programming (p.6)	12.5

**Further BSW course requirements****Withdrawal from subjects/leave of absence**

You should note that you require approval from the Head of the School of Social Work to withdraw from subjects, or to take leave of absence. For the important dates for changes, please refer to the introductory information at the beginning of the Handbook. A maximum of two semesters (12 months) leave of absence will be granted.

**Progress requirement**

Students who fail 50 per cent or more of their enrolment in any year will be required to appear before the Faculty of Arts' Student Progress Committee, see *What if I fail a significant part of my studies?* (p.5).

Students who fail either supervised professional practice subject, 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (p.4) or 196-310 Supervised Professional Practice 2# (p.5), for the first time **must have** the written permission of the Head of the School of Social Work before being eligible to re-enrol in the BSW.

Students will also be required to appear before the Student Progress Committee if they fail additional prerequisite studies in their first year, or if they fail any subject twice.

**Credit guidelines**

Credit will only be considered where the content of former studies has direct relevance to the BSW course. Students transferring from other social work degree programs may be granted credit or exemption for completed social work subjects not counted towards another degree qualification, at the discretion of the Faculty. Students who have completed an approved course in welfare studies may be eligible for a reduction in fieldwork days in Supervised Professional Practice 1. All applications for credit must be made on the prescribed form to the BSW coordinator at the School of Social Work **within the first two weeks of teaching in the relevant subject.**

**Applications and admission to the Bachelor of Social Work degree**

Prospective students need to be aware that the course is very demanding and there is little time available to undertake employment or other study commitments while they are enrolled as full-time students in the Bachelor of Social Work.

The following categories of applicants are eligible for selection to the BSW.

- 1 Graduates with an approved degree qualification who have successfully completed:
  - (a) at least one semester subject in the social or behavioural sciences. Such studies are usually found within the disciplines of sociology, anthropology, political sciences, gender studies, history and philosophy of science, criminology, psychology and geography.
- 2 Undergraduates who have completed at least one full year of a course for a degree, and who have successfully completed (a) above.
- 3 Persons who have completed an approved course at the tertiary level (for instance a three-year diploma or an Associate Diploma in Welfare Studies), and who have successfully completed (a) above.

**Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) degree****Honours entry**

Entry to honours must be approved by the School of Social Work and the Faculty of Arts.

For information on how to apply see *Applying for Honours* (p.13).

**BSW (Hons) three-year program**

Students will be selected into honours at the end of the second year of the BSW three-year program.

The prerequisites for entry to honours are:

- an overall average of H2A in the first and second years excepting the pass/fail subjects 196-007 Communication Skills for Human Services (p.3) and 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (p.4); and
- a pass at the first attempt in the pass/fail subjects 196-007 Communication Skills for Human Services (p.3) and 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (p.4).

**BSW (Hons) two-year accelerated program**

Students will be selected into honours at the end of the first year of the BSW accelerated program.

The prerequisites for entry to honours are:

- an overall average of H2A in the first year excepting the pass/fail subjects 196-007 Communication Skills for Human Services (p.3) and 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (p.4); and
- a pass at the first attempt in the pass/fail subjects 196-007 Communication Skills for Human Services (p.3) and 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (p.4).

**Honours requirements**

The Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) degree requires an honours standard of performance in the final year of the program, the completion of the subject, 196-518 Critical Issues in Social Work, and the completion of a thesis of 12,000 words (37.5 points).

**BSW (Hons) three-year program****Third and fourth-year honours**

All year	Points
196-310 Supervised Professional Practice 2# (p.5)	37.5
<b>Semester 1</b>	
196-214 Fields of Social Work Practice B (p.5)	12.5
196-311 Social Work Practice with Families (p.5)	12.5
196-312 Social Work Practice Research (p.5)	12.5
196-518 Critical Issues in Social Work (p.6)	12.5
<b>Semester 2</b>	
196-313 Advanced Practice Methods Laboratory (p.5)	12.5
196-314 Social Work Programming (p.6)	12.5
<b>Semester 2 and Summer Semester</b>	
196-517 Social Work Thesis (p.6)	37.5

submitted by the end of March

**BSW (Hons) two-year accelerated program****Second-year (accelerated) honours**

All year	Points
196-310 Supervised Professional Practice 2# (p.5)	37.5
<b>Semester 1</b>	
196-010 Fields of Social Work Practice A (p.4)	12.5
196-210 Social Work Practice with Communities (p.4)	12.5
196-214 Fields of Social Work Practice B (p.5)	12.5
196-311 Social Work Practice with Families (p.5)	12.5
196-312 Social Work Practice Research (p.5)	12.5
<b>Semester 2</b>	
196-212 Social Work Practice and Diversity (p.5)	12.5
196-213 The Legal Context of Human Services (p.1)	12.5
196-313 Advanced Practice Methods Laboratory (p.5)	12.5
196-314 Social Work Programming (p.6)	12.5

**Summer Semester**

196-517 Social Work Thesis (p.6)	37.5
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**Third-year (accelerated) honours**

Semester 1	Points
196-517 Social Work Thesis (p.6)	37.5

submitted by the end of semester

196-518 Critical Issues in Social Work (p.6)	12.5
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**Honours grade requirement**

A student's final examination grade will be calculated over the weighted average mark of the thesis and the final year social work subjects, excepting the pass/fail subject 196-310 Supervised Professional Practice 2# (p.5).

As in the Bachelor of Arts (Honours), students will be required to obtain an honours grade in each component of assessment and an overall grade of at least H3 to be eligible for an honours degree.

If these requirements are not met, students will only be eligible for the BSW pass degree. A pass (P) or fail (N) grade in any component of assessment will disqualify a BSW (Honours) student from taking out the BSW (Honours).

## Further honours requirements

BSW (Hons) students should refer to *Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (p.13)* for information regarding workload, change of enrolment, status, leave of absence, overseas study etc.

## Social work combined degrees

The Faculty offers a combined degree in arts/social work.

In the combined Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Social Work degree, students are able to pursue their own interests in their arts degree while undertaking professional education in social work. The combined BA/BSW consists of five and a half years of full-time study, with students taking the prescribed social work subjects and a range of subjects from other schools in the Faculty of Arts. The combined degree course shares the objectives of both the BA and the BSW. Students should refer to the section on the BA for information regarding the arts component of the combined course, and the above social work entry for the social work requirements.

## Combined BA/BSW degree

Following is a suggested plan for completion within five years:

<b>First-year</b>	Points
<b>Semester 1</b>	
First year arts subjects* (50 points)	
<b>Semester 2</b>	
First year arts subjects* (50 points)	
*must include prerequisite subject	
<b>Second-year</b>	Points
<b>Semester 1</b>	
196-001 Human Resilience across the Lifespan ( <i>p.1</i> )	12.5
196-003 Winners? Losers? Inequality in Australia ( <i>p.1</i> )	12.5
Second year arts subjects (25 points)	
<b>Semester 2</b>	
196-002 Human Risk and Vulnerable Populations ( <i>p.1</i> )	12.5
196-004 Contemporary Social Policy ( <i>p.1</i> )	12.5
Second year arts subjects (25 points)	
<b>Third year</b>	Points
<b>Semester 1</b>	
196-200 Social Work Theory & Practice 1 ( <i>p.4</i> )	12.5
196-202 Organisational Contexts of Practice ( <i>p.4</i> )	12.5
Second/third year arts subjects (25 points)	
<b>Semester 2</b>	
196-212 Social Work Practice and Diversity ( <i>p.5</i> )	12.5
Second/third year arts subjects (37.5 points)	
<b>Fourth year</b>	Points
<b>All year</b>	
196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# ( <i>p.4</i> )	37.5
<b>Semester 1</b>	
196-007 Communication Skills for Human Services ( <i>p.3</i> )	12.5
196-010 Fields of Social Work Practice A ( <i>p.4</i> )	12.5
Third year arts subjects (25 points)	
<b>Semester 2</b>	
196-006 Psychosocial Theory and Practice ( <i>p.3</i> )	12.5
196-211 Social Work Practice with Groups ( <i>p.4</i> )	12.5
Third year arts subject (12.5 points)	
<b>Fifth year</b>	Points
<b>All year</b>	
196-310 Supervised Professional Practice 2# ( <i>p.5</i> )	37.5
<b>Semester 1</b>	
196-210 Social Work Practice with Communities ( <i>p.4</i> )	12.5
196-214 Fields of Social Work Practice B ( <i>p.5</i> )	12.5
196-311 Social Work Practice with Families ( <i>p.5</i> )	12.5
196-312 Social Work Practice Research ( <i>p.5</i> )	12.5
<b>Semester 2</b>	
196-213 The Legal Context of Human Services ( <i>p.1</i> )	12.5
196-313 Advanced Practice Methods Laboratory ( <i>p.5</i> )	12.5
196-314 Social Work Programming ( <i>p.6</i> )	12.5

## Further BA/BSW course requirements

For information about further course requirements for the BSW, see *Further BSW course requirements (p.2)*. For information about course requirements for the arts component, see *Combined arts degree structure (p.11)*.

## Applications and admission to the combined degree

For entry to the combined course, current University of Melbourne students must have successfully completed at least one full-time year of their BA course including:

- at least one semester subject in psychology, sociology, anthropology, political sciences, women's studies, history and philosophy of science, criminology, psychology or geography. Students will be accepted in accordance with the normal selection procedures to the BSW course.

Applicants seeking to transfer into the BA/BSW from other University of Melbourne courses or from other institutions must satisfy the entry requirements for both the BA and BSW courses.

## For more information

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## Bachelor of Social Work subjects

### 196-001 Human Resilience across the Lifespan

See full subject details on page 1.

### 196-002 Human Risk and Vulnerable Populations

See full subject details on page 1.

### 196-003 Winners? Losers? Inequality in Australia

See full subject details on page 1.

### 196-004 Contemporary Social Policy

See full subject details on page 1.

### 196-006 Psychosocial Theory and Practice

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-310. Students who have completed 196-310 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 2nd year, Accelerated Program 1st year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Lynette Joubert

**Prerequisites:** 196-200 Social Work Theory & Practice 1 (*p.4*).

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject builds on subject 196-200 Social Work Theory & Practice 1 (*p.4*) to develop further knowledge and skills related to the direct practice of social work with an emphasis on work with individuals. Students who complete this subject should be able to demonstrate their familiarity with a limited number of theoretical perspectives and relate those to the practice of social work in their supervised professional practicum.

**Assessment:** A written assignment of 4000 words (due at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum 75% attendance required.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester

M Payne, *Modern Social Work Theory*, (3rd ed) Macmillan 2005.

### 196-007 Communication Skills for Human Services

**Availability:** BSW 2nd year, Accelerated Program 1st year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Louise Harms

**Prerequisites:** Admission into the Bachelor of Social Work course.

**Contact:** A 3-hour class per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject is an experiential subject designed to prepare students for entry into supervised agency-based practice. The subject focuses on the development of communication, basic interviewing and critical self-reflection skills, for application in a variety of social work contexts. In addition to large group discussions and exercises, students engage in role plays and videotaped interviews to develop specific micro-skills - in particular, the skills of engaging, attending, listening, questioning, and responding.

**Assessment:** Each component of this subject is marked on a pass/fail basis and all components must be completed to pass standard. Assessment comprises a written exercise of 500 words (due in week 5), a written exercise of 500 words (due at the end of semester) and submission of a 10 to 15-minute videotape of student's interviewing practice accompanied by a 500 word writ-

ten report (due at the end of semester). Attendance at all sessions is a hurdle requirement for this subject.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester

G Egan, *The Skilled Helper*, (7th ed) Brooks/Cole 2002.

### 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1#

**Note:** Students will enrol in this subject from Semester 1. However, the major placement for this subject is normally undertaken partially during the mid-semester period and in Semester 2.

**Availability:** BSW 2nd year, Accelerated Program 1st year

**Credit points:** 37.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Louise Harms

**Prerequisites:** 196-007 Communication Skills for Human Services (p.3) and 196-200 Social Work Theory & Practice 1 (p.4).

**Contact:** Seventy-four days of field-based practice (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

**Description:** This subject requires students to spend 74 days or equivalent working in a social work agency where social work is practised under the supervision of a qualified and experienced social work field educator. The subject is divided into two parts: a four-day field preparation program and a 70-day supervised professional practicum. Students with relevant work experience may apply for exemption from the four-day field preparation program. On completion of this subject students should be able to demonstrate developing knowledge and skills of effective social work practice.

**Assessment:** This subject is assessed on a pass/fail basis. Assessment is in the form of two reports in the format prescribed by the School of Social Work, one at mid-practicum and one at the end of practicum. A pass on the final report is necessary to pass the subject as a whole. The reports are written by the field educator in consultation with the student, and they detail evidence of the student's practice learning against standard criteria for the subject. The evidence is examined by the academic practice supervisor, who may also seek confirmation of this material through discussion at field liaison visits.

**Prescribed texts:** Subject readings will be available from the school.

### 196-010 Fields of Social Work Practice A

**Note:** The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 2nd year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Fiona McDermott

**Prerequisites:** 196-200 Social Work Theory & Practice 1 (p.4).

**Contact:** Thirty hours of seminars between 23 February and 11 May (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject consists of a number of options that focus on social work practice with different populations and settings, such as children and families; ageing, mental health; women; indigenous studies; health; psychiatric disability; local government; intellectual disability; alcohol and drugs; and immigration. The subject is intended to enable students to increase their understanding of the policy and practice context of multi-method social work in a major field of practice.

**Assessment:** A written assignment of 4000 words (due at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum 80% attendance of seminars required.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester

### 196-200 Social Work Theory & Practice 1

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-005. Students who have completed 196-005 are not permitted to enrol in this subject.

**Availability:** 1st year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Lynda Campbell

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject introduces students to the professional practice of social work in a variety of settings and aims to prepare them for beginning practice in the first supervised professional practicum. Core processes of social work practice (engagement, assessment, planning and action) will be examined in relation to practice at different systems levels (individual, family, group and community). The subject draws heavily upon students' learning both prior to and during the BSW course in that it asks students to bring that learning to bear on choices relating to the practice of social work.

**Assessment:** A written report totalling 2000 words 40% (due mid-semester) and a written report of 2000 words 60% (due at the end of semester). Attend-

ance at a minimum of 75% of seminars is a hurdle requirement for this subject.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester

### 196-202 Organisational Contexts of Practice

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-012. Students who have completed 196-012 are not permitted to enrol in this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 1st year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Assoc Prof Elizabeth Ozanne

**Prerequisites:** Admission into the Bachelor of Social Work.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** Drawing upon the broad body of organisational theory, this subject examines organisations as contexts, vehicles and targets for social work interventions. Particular attention is paid to different organisational forms in the human services; the organisational environment and inter-organisational relations; organisational cultures; structures and processes of governance and working arrangements; and organisational change. Issues for service users and front-line workers will be addressed. On completion of the subject students should demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between organisation, management and practice in human service organisations; and understand the concept of organisational culture, both in its formation and in relation to cultural change.

**Assessment:** A written assignment of 2000 words 50% (due mid-semester) and a final essay of 2000 words 50% (due at the end of semester). Attendance at a minimum of 75% of tutorials is a hurdle requirement for this subject.

**Prescribed texts:** A Jones & J May, *Working in Human Service Organisations: A Critical Introduction*, Longman Cheshire 1992.

### 196-210 Social Work Practice with Communities

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-410. Students who have completed 196-410 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 2nd year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Robyn Mason

**Prerequisites:** Admission into the Bachelor of Social Work course.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject will encourage a critical approach to social work practice with communities as a means of building social infrastructure and services to meet the needs of individuals and families. The subject has a specific focus on the use of community practice to address poverty. Students will increase their understanding of community practice and develop community work skills through planning and participating in community action, as well as exploring innovative methods and sites of community work.

**Assessment:** Two written essays of 2,000 words each, each 50% (due mid-way and at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum 80% attendance of seminars required.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester

W Weeks L Hoatson & J Dixon, *Community Practice in Australia*, Pearson Educational Australia 2003.

### 196-211 Social Work Practice with Groups

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-412. Students who have completed 196-412 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 2nd year, Accelerated Program 1st year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Fiona McDermott

**Prerequisites:** Admission into the Bachelor of Social Work.

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour seminar per week from 24 July to 9 October (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** In this subject students should become aware of the range of uses of group work in social work practice and deepen their understanding of the processes that operate in small groups. Students will be given the opportunity to apply and practise their understanding in group situations.

**Assessment:** Written work totalling 4,000 words which will include a record of observations of a small group 35%, a brief paper 30%, and a session plan 35% (all due at end of semester).

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader may be available.

F McDermott, *Inside Group Work: A Guide to Reflective Practice*, Allen & Unwin 2002.

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### 196-212 Social Work Practice and Diversity

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-413. Students who have completed 196-413 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 1st year, Accelerated Program 2nd year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Robyn Mason

**Prerequisites:** Admission into the Bachelor of Social Work.

**Contact:** A 1.5 hour lecture and a 1 hour tutorial per week from 29 August to 14 November (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject will explore dimensions of diversity and difference and the implications for effective and ethical social work practice, particularly related to those peoples who have experienced historical disadvantage. Building on understandings of decolonisation, 'othering', power and identity, the subject will examine social work practice in a number of different cultural and social settings. Students will develop the skills and theory of critically reflective and context-sensitive practice.

**Assessment:** A 2000 word essay 50% (due mid-semester) and a 2000 word essay 50% (due at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum of 80% attendance of tutorials required.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the University Bookroom.

N Thompson, *Promoting Equality*, (2nd ed) Palgrave Macmillan 2003.

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### 196-213 The Legal Context of Human Services

See full subject details on page 1.

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### 196-214 Fields of Social Work Practice B

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-405. Students who have completed 196-405 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 3rd year, Accelerated Program 2nd year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Fiona McDermott

**Prerequisites:** 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (*p.4*).

**Contact:** Thirty hours of seminars between 23 February and 11 May (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject consists of a number of options that focus on social work practice with different populations and settings, such as children and families; ageing; mental health; women; Indigenous studies; health; psychiatric disability; local government; intellectual disability; alcohol and drugs; and immigration. The subject is intended to enable students to increase their understanding of the policy and practice context of multi-method social work in a major field of practice.

**Assessment:** A written assignment of 4000 words 100% (due at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum 80% attendance of seminars required.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester

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### 196-310 Supervised Professional Practice 2#

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-419. Students who have completed 196-419 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. Students will enrol in this subject from Semester 1. However, the majority of work will normally be undertaken in the period between the two teaching semesters.

**Availability:** BSW 3rd year, Accelerated Program 2nd year

**Credit points:** 37.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Louise Harms

**Prerequisites:** 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (*p.4*), 196-006 Psychosocial Theory and Practice (*p.3*) and 196-311 Social Work Practice with Families (*p.5*).

**Contact:** Seventy days (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

**Description:** This subject consists of a 70-day practicum working as a supervised student social worker in an organisation where social work is practised. By the end of this practicum, it is expected that students will be able to practise social work with the degree of autonomy, knowledge and competence expected of a new graduate.

**Assessment:** This subject is assessed on a pass/fail basis. Assessment is in the form of two reports in the format prescribed by the School of Social Work, one at mid-practicum and one at the end of practicum. A pass on the final report is necessary to pass the subject as a whole. The reports are written by the field educator in consultation with the student, and they detail evidence

of the student's practice learning against standard criteria for the subject. This evidence is examined by the academic practice supervisor, who may also seek confirmation of this material through discussion at field liaison visits.

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### 196-311 Social Work Practice with Families

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-016/411. Students who have completed 196-016/411 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 3rd year, Accelerated Program 2nd year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Lynda Campbell

**Prerequisites:** 196-006 Psychosocial Theory and Practice (*p.3*) and 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (*p.4*).

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour seminar per week between 22 February and 3 May (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** Family problems are the daily concern of social workers in direct practice across a wide range of settings. This subject extends the assessment frameworks and intervention repertoire from the first year Social Work Theory and Practice sequence to better accommodate the needs of families and the complexity of family work. Students will be introduced to a range of theoretical frameworks and practice tools relevant to family intervention, chiefly derived from family therapy as it has evolved over several decades, but viewed through the lens of contemporary social work practice challenges. Emphasis will be placed upon students' capacity to critically evaluate these theoretical approaches and to examine their relevance for varied organisational contexts and diverse presenting issues in family social work.

**Assessment:** Class presentation and submission of syndicated class material totalling 1000 words 40% (due during semester) and an assignment of 3000 words 60% (due end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum of 80% attendance of seminars required.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available.

M Nichols & R Schwartz, *The Essentials of Family Therapy*, Allyn & Bacon 2005, 2nd Edition.

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### 196-312 Social Work Practice Research

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-403. Students who have completed 196-403 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 3rd year, Accelerated Program 2nd year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Lynette Joubert

**Prerequisites:** 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (*p.4*) may also be taken as a corequisite.

**Contact:** A 1-hour and a 2-hour seminar per week from 22 February to 3 May (*Semester 1*).

**Description:** This subject contains material intended to foster students' understanding of the processes and methods of social research, and to develop their ability to use social work practice research in a thoughtful and critical manner.

**Assessment:** A group poster presentation totalling 2000 words per student 60% (due in week 7) and an essay of 2000 words 40% (due at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum 80% attendance of tutorials required.

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester

D Steinberg, *The Social Work Student's Research Handbook*, Hayworth Social Work Practice Press 2004. • B Friedman, *The Research Tool Kit*, Brooks/Cole 1998.

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### 196-313 Advanced Practice Methods Laboratory

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-013/408. Students who have completed 196-013/408 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 3rd year, Accelerated Program 2nd year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Lynette Joubert

**Prerequisites:** 196-211 Social Work Practice with Groups (*p.4*), 196-311 Social Work Practice with Families (*p.5*), and 196-310 Supervised Professional Practice 2# (*p.5*). 196-210 Social Work Practice with Communities (*p.4*) may be taken as a corequisite.

**Contact:** Thirty hours of seminar-based teaching (some units may be offered in intensive mode) from 30 August to 15 November (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject assists students to consolidate their practice skills and prior learning in their last semester before graduation. It builds on prior practice classes and the Supervised Professional Practice placements in extending students' reflective practice skills in relation to a selected area of practice. In this subject students will select one option from the elective units offered in any year. These elective units in a specialised area of practice offer students an opportunity to explore a range of intervention skills in an interactive and experiential way, working from an explicit theoretical base. The units offered in this subject may vary from year to year.

**Assessment:** A group or individual class presentation 40% (presentations will commence from session 2 and run throughout the series) and an essay of 2400 words 60% (due at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum 80% attendance of sessions required.

**Prescribed texts:** Elective unit teachers will provide details of required texts and other readings in elective unit outlines.

**Description:** In this subject contemporary issues and debates arising from within the social work profession are explored. This will include consideration of topics such as the adequacy of theory; the influence of evidence-based practice approaches; and issues arising from external sources and events including internationalisation, technological change, and policy and organisational influences. This subject asks students to revisit, in a critical and constructive spirit, the bases of social work knowledge and practice, with particular attention to the concept of human rights.

**Assessment:** An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester

J Ife, *Human rights and social work: Towards rights-based practice*, Cambridge University Press 2001.

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### 196-314 Social Work Programming

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-409. Students who have completed 196-409 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. The subject dates and HECS/course fee census date for this subject change each year. Check your enrolment record for the correct census date for this subject.

**Availability:** BSW 3rd year, Accelerated Program 2nd year

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** Prof Alun Jackson

**Prerequisites:** 196-008 Supervised Professional Practice 1# (*p.4*) and 196-006 Psychosocial Theory and Practice (*p.3*).

**Contact:** A 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour seminar per week from 30 August to 15 November (*Semester 2*).

**Description:** This subject draws on students' experiences in professional practice to develop their understanding of, and skills in, the processes of program design, implementation and evaluation, in the context of social work and human service organisations.

**Assessment:** A group project to which each student contributes 4000 words 100% (due at the end of semester). A hurdle requirement of a minimum 80% attendance at seminars required.

**Prescribed texts:** Subject readings will be available.

P M Kettner R M Moroney & L L Martin, *Designing and Managing Programs 2nd Edition*, Sage 1999. • F Donovan & A C Jackson, *Managing Human Service Organisations*, Prentice Hall 1991.

## Fourth-year subjects

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### 196-517 Social Work Thesis

**Note:** Students undertaking the three year program will commence the thesis in Semester 2 of third year and complete it in the Summer Semester of the following or fourth year. Students undertaking the accelerated program will commence the thesis in the Summer Semester of the third year and complete it in Semester 1 of the third year.

**Availability:** 4th year

**Credit points:** 37.5

**Coordinator:** Dr Lynette Joubert

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work or the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours).

**Contact:** Regular meetings with the supervisor over the period of enrolment (*Semester 1, repeat 2, Summer*).

**Description:** This subject focuses on the study of research methods and their application to an agreed social work related topic.

**Assessment:** A written thesis of 12 000 words (due at the end of semester).

**Prescribed texts:** A subject reader will be available from the University Bookroom.

D. Evans and P. Gruba, *How To Write A Better Thesis. 2nd Edition*, MUP 2002.

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### 196-518 Critical Issues in Social Work

**Note:** Formerly available as 196-027. Students who have completed 196-027 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This subject is available to BSW (Hons) students, Postgraduate Diploma and MSW coursework students.

**Availability:** 4th year and postgraduate

**Credit points:** 12.5

**Coordinator:** To be advised

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours), the Postgraduate Diploma or Master of Social Work.

**Contact:** Twenty four hours of seminar-based teaching (may be offered in semi-intensive mode by negotiation with enrolled students) (*Semester 1*).