School of Social Sciences course summary

Semester 1, 2016

ARTS4266 – Issues and debates in the Social Sciences

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Summary of the course

A course for Honours students in the School of Social Sciences preparing students for the writing of an Honours thesis. Topics include using library resources for Honours students including research consultation and access to databases; structuring and writing a thesis, gaining ethics approval for collecting data; constructing a conceptual framework for a thesis; researching and writing literature reviews; the role of theory in research and the use of theory in framing and conducting a research project in the social sciences; epistemological frameworks in the social sciences; the role of a supervisor in undertaking an Honours thesis including responsibilities of supervisor and student; planning and managing a research project; formal requirement for the thesis structure and presentation.

Course learning outcomes

1. Develop capacities to undertake research at Honours level in social sciences
2. Demonstrate and be able to satisfy the ethical requirements and responsibilities of researchers.
3. Plan and conduct research in consultation with an academic supervisor
4. Incorporate theory into a research project at a sophisticated level
5. Write a thesis embodying the results of independent research

Assessment

[NOTE: These must be the same as the tasks recorded AIMS for this course. You can add/delete rows as needed from the table below]

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For the purpose of attendance monitoring, the final assessment for this course is [Portfolio] worth [75%] of your overall grade for this course. This is the assessment item that will be graded at zero if you do not meet the attendance requirement for this course (see https://socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/).

The full course outline will be available in Moodle in Orientation (O) Week, from Monday 22 February 2016.