

The Australian National University

Mobilising Research

Monday 20 June – Friday 15 July 2016

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Mobilising Research challenges and supports students to explore the role of research for the good of society. The course will examine the linked themes of 'creation', 'implementation', and 'influence' of research. These themes will be explored by viewing research as a foundation for creating and building knowledge, the importance of evidence in approaching complex problems, and the influence that research organisations have to shape society's priorities.

Field trip

The course will include a field trip to the ANU Kioloa Campus. The trip is an opportunity to engage in interactive activities in a relaxed environment, as well as to explore local indigenous culture and environmental management and the beautiful beaches and wildlife of the NSW south coast. Students will travel by bus from Canberra to Kioloa and the trip takes approximately 3 hours by bus.

Delivery method and learning outcomes

Mobilising Research will examine the role of research for the advancement of society. Students will be exposed to how scholarly inquiry is conducted in a range of disciplines outside their own course of study through interactive panels and site visits to leading research facilities on campus.

Students will see the world through the eyes of others, appreciate the strengths of different perspectives and understand how positions are reached and opinions formed. Through individual, group and peer-learning, students will have the opportunity to analyze, synthesise, evaluate, apply and communicate knowledge about the current research environment.

Course structure

Students will be treated as part of the research community at ANU. We will investigate the broader questions around research from multiple perspectives. Topics include:

- the role of research in shaping the public good;
- scholarship in and between the disciplines;
- ownership of knowledge for the public good;
- cultural perspectives on research in a globalised world;
- organisational implementation of research;
- mobilisation of research for the public good.

As an interdisciplinary course, the course structure for *Mobilising Research* is atypical. This course is delivered in an intensive mode. A standard day in the schedule of *Mobilising Research* involves a seminar from leading researchers in their field, a tutorial session run by your peers and a public event as part of the ANU research community.

On completion of this course, students should be able to:

- describe, identify and frame societal issues and problems in forms that can benefit from the application of research;
- explain and critique the structures that support and constrain the research environment;
- consider and explain disciplinary characteristics of research and knowledge dissemination
- collaborate to integrate research across disciplinary and cultural boundaries in multilingual teams;
- evaluate the effectiveness of research-based interventions and contributions that address societal problems.

The course will culminate in a Presentation Evening, when students will have the opportunity to present their visions of future research to an audience of high profile ANU academics.

Assessment

Details about the assessment will be negotiated with students during the first days of the course. The assessment will be made up of three components, with the following suggested weightings:

- Tutorial co-facilitations - 20%
- Group research portfolio and presentation - 30%
- Individual learning portfolio and 3-minute talk - 50%

Credit equivalent at The Australian National University and contact hours

6 credits at host university. (ANU full time students take four classes at 6 units each, so 24 units per semester.)

Students will be asked to prepare for the course ahead of time by completing approximately 5 hours of allocated reading and resources.

As the course is run in intensive mode, classes will be scheduled for morning and afternoon sessions, Mondays through Thursdays. All students should expect approximately 12 hours of contact per week, made up of panels/seminars, tutorials and site visits. Students will also need to commit to eight hours of independent learning or group project work per week.

Students will also be invited to engage in ANU public lectures outside of class time, typically in the evenings.

Students will be asked to complete a pre-task before arrival at ANU. The task involves synthesizing three essays and to provide their cultural perspective on these ideas in *Who speaks for and protects the public interest in Australia?* Students will be asked to present their ideas during the first days of the course. More information about this task will be available upon admission into the course.

Accommodation

20 June – 7 July, 11 July – 17 July, Bruce Hall, ANU

Students will stay in single rooms that include a single bed, wardrobe, desk, chair and washbasin. The rooms are centrally heated and carpeted and are amongst the largest rooms available on the ANU campus. Toilet and shower facilities are located on each floor.

7 – 11 July, Kioloa Coastal Campus

The ANU Kioloa Campus is located near Bawley Point on the New South Wales south coast. This historic rural property extends from the beach through coastal dunes to farmland and forests on the inland range of hills. The Kioloa property was given in perpetuity to The Australian National University in 1975 for the express purpose of conducting field teaching and research. Accommodation at Kioloa is in multi-room cabins with shared facilities.

Estimated costs in local currency

Tuition fees: AUD 3,876 (waived by ANU for 2016)

Accommodation at Bruce Hall, including meals: Est AUD 1,637

Field trip at Kioloa Coastal Campus: Est AUD 600

Living expenses: All meals are included with accommodation. An estimate of an additional AUD 150 per week as spending money. Cost will vary according to each student's personal spending habits.

Estimate of visa fee: In most cases a Visitor or Tourist Visa will allow you to study in Australia for up to three months. On request the ANU GSP coordinator can provide supporting letters for your visa application.

Visa information for students

An Australian Visitor or Tourist visa *may* allow you to study in Australia for up to three months in a non-award program, and you are encouraged to investigate if this will apply in your individual circumstance. This short term non-award course *may not* entitle you to a Student visa. An electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) will not be issued by ANU for your participation in the ANU GSP course.

Information about visas is available from your nearest Australian visa office and may also be accessed at <https://www.border.gov.au/>. You must check with the relevant Australian diplomatic mission for further information in obtaining a visa to visit Australia.

It is *your* responsibility to ensure you meet all visa/entry requirements for coming to Australia, and this may take some time to arrange. We strongly encourage you to investigate your individual visa requirements with the relevant Australian Embassy or High Commission as soon as your participation in the course is confirmed.

(Please note the Visa Finder disclaimer: <https://www.border.gov.au/website/copyright-and-disclaimer> : The Visa Finder makes no recommendation as to which visa is appropriate for you or whether you would be granted any visa. You may be eligible for visas other than those displayed by the Visa Finder. The Visa Finder is not a substitute for your own judgment, own enquiries and/or independent advice. The Commonwealth of Australia does not guarantee the accuracy, currency or completeness of any material in the Visa Finder.)

Application Process

The application form includes a statement of purpose and other information.

The statement of purpose should include what you hope to get out of the course, and what you are likely to contribute to the intellectual life of the program. You may like to include details of related courses you have previously taken, and/or the relevance of the program to your present course of study or professional development (maximum 500 words).

Other information should cover any extra-curricular involvement or experiences that may be relevant to the application, such as work experience, volunteer activities, community involvement or cultural achievements (maximum 500 words).

The application form should be sent by the student to the home institution for shortlisting. The home institution will advise ANU of nominated students by Wednesday 23 March 2016.

ANU will send letters of offer to successful students by Monday 4 April 2016. Students should accept their offer by Monday 11 April 2016.

Course dates

19 June 2016: Students should arrive at ANU.

20 June 2016: Course commences.

7 – 11 July 2016: Field trip to Kioloa Coastal Campus.

15 July 2016: Course concludes.

16 July 2016: Students check out of ANU accommodation.

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