

Course Plan for Masters in Community Development

Thanks for the time you have put into being part of the Community Development program at Murdoch; it's terrific to have you as part of the program.

Below is a plan to help you enrol in units for the Masters as you go along in your studies and there is further information about choosing electives and options for research projects on the next page. The plan below is for a full-time study load (12 credit points per semester), but can be used if you are part-time by spreading the units over several years. Please get in touch with us if you have questions, or if you are looking for some guidance.

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Masters in Community Development	
Year 1: Semester 1	Year 1: Semester 2
COD545 Community Development Theory and Practice (3 credit points)	COD505: Community, Industry and Local Government (3 credit points)
COD504: Community, Policy and Change (3 credit points)	COD502: Community Development in Indigenous Communities (3 credit points)
SUS512: Sustainability, Ecology and Communities (3 credit points)	COD601: Community Development Methods (3 credit points)
Specified Elective (<i>TLC501: Communication Skills for post-graduate study</i> is strongly recommended for international students beginning at Murdoch)	Specified Elective
Year 2: Semester 1	Year 2: Semester 2
COD608: Professional Placement (6 credit points over two semesters – 3 per semester)	COD608: Professional Placement (6 credit points over two semesters – 3 per semester)
<u>OR</u> alternative units (see following page)	<u>OR</u> alternative units (see following page)
SWM620 Research Project (3-point research project) + 1 specified elective	SWM620 Research Project (3-point research project) + 1 specified elective
<u>or</u> 2 x Specified electives	<u>or</u> 2 x Specified electives
<u>or</u> ART610 Research Dissertation (12-point research project over 2 semesters)	<u>or</u> ART610 Research Dissertation (continued)
Specified Elective	Specified Elective

	Units highlighted gold are core units, and are compulsory
	Units highlighted blue are research and internship units – see page 2 for the choices you have to make
	Units highlighted green are specified electives – choose from the list on the following page

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT (COD608) and ALTERNATIVES

COD608 is a 6-point placement unit which runs over 2 semesters (Y enrolment option), so it's like doing 3 credit points in each of the two semesters. If you're studying full-time you should enrol in this unit in your **third** semester at Murdoch. If you are studying part-time it's best to enrol in the internship unit towards the end of your course. The unit involves undertaking a placement of 160 hours with a chosen organisation, usually over the course of 2 semesters. Students are responsible for sourcing their own placement but are given guidance and ideas about how to go about this at the beginning of the first semester. There is an option to enrol in COD608 in one single semester if needed but for most students we recommend doing this unit over two semesters

Students who don't wish to undertake the internship unit can enrol in 2 alternative 3-point units:

- **AST650:** Culture, Communities and Sustainability in Asia (semester one)
- **EDN546:** Dynamics of Cultural Diversity in the Workplace and the Community (semester 2)

ELECTIVES AND RESEARCH UNITS

During your studies you need to choose whether you undertake a short research project (**SWM620: 3 points**) or the longer dissertation program (**ART610: 12 points**). You also need to choose a number of specified electives during your course. The number of electives you study will depend on which of these research programs you undertake. This doesn't need to be decided at the beginning of your course, but you will have to decide about this for your second year (or later on if you are part-time).

- If you undertake the **3-point Research Project (SWM620)** unit in your final year, you will need to study 7 units (21 credit points) as specified electives during your whole degree
- If you undertake the larger **12-point Research Dissertation (ART610)**, you will be able to study four units (12 credit points) as specified electives during your degree
- Enrolling in the Research Dissertation (ART610) requires an average of a Distinction in your first-year units
- ART610 can be studied in one semester, or spread over 2 semesters

SPECIFIED ELECTIVES

You can choose from the range of specified electives detailed below. Some electives also run in the summer or winter terms. If you are from a non-English speaking background, we strongly recommend that in your first semester you enrol in **TLC501** Communication Skills for post-graduate study.

<p>Available in semester one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLC501: Communication Skills for post-graduate study (3 points) • SUS523: Cities and Sustainability (3 points) • SWM511: Critical Approaches to Development (3 points) • SWM618: Social Science Research Design (3 points) • AST650: Culture, Communities and Sustainability in Asia (3 points) • MBS685: Project Management (3 points) • MBS662: Business, Society and Environment (6 points) • EDU616: Teaching and Learning in Culturally Diverse Environments (3 points) • GRD503: Design Thinking Tools (3 points) 	<p>Available in semester two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLC501: Communication Skills for post-graduate study (3 points) • MCM682: Global Media: Asia-Pacific Perspectives (3 points) • EDN546: Dynamics of Cultural Diversity in the Workplace and the Community (3 points) • AST558: Gender in Asian Societies (3 points) • MBS651: Leading and Managing Nonprofit Organisations (3 points) • MBS589: Social Enterprise, Social Innovation and Profit for Purpose (3 points) • SWM621: Ethics and Global Justice (3 points) • GRD508: Innovation Development (3 points)
<p>Available in winter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWM628: Development and Sustainability (3 points) 	<p>Available in summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUS611: Resilient Regions (3 points) • MBS684: Managing Strategic Risks and Projects (6 points) (also available in semester 2)