

Masters in Community Development (M1212): Course Plan for starting S1 2023

Welcome to 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 as you go along in your studies and there is further information about choosing electives and options for research projects on the next page. Please read both pages so you understand what you need to do in coming semesters for your degree. The plan below is for the **Masters in Community Development (M1212)** with a full-time study load (12 credit points per semester). If you are able or needing to study part-time, you can spread the units over a longer period. If you have questions or you are looking for some guidance, please get in touch with **Cam Tero, Academic Chair for Community Development**: c.tero@murdoch.edu.au

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)
Specified Elective: If you are new to study in Australia we strongly recommend the unit below for semester 1: TLC501: Communication Skills for post-graduate study	COD601: Community Development Methods (3 credit points)
Specified Elective	SUS512: Sustainability, Ecology and Communities (3 credit points)
Year 2: Semester 1 (Short Research Project Option)	Year 2: Semester 2 (Short Research Project Option)
COD608: Professional Placement (6 credit points over two semesters – 3 per semester) <u>OR</u> alternative unit AST650 (see following page)	COD608: Professional Placement (6 credit points over two semesters – 3 per semester) <u>OR</u> alternative unit EDN546 (see following page)
Specified Elective	SUS620 Research Project (3 credit points)
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	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

You will notice on the plan above that the third and fourth semesters are plans for those choosing the Short Research Project Option. There is also an option to complete longer Research Dissertation (12 credit points) and less electives. **Please see page 2 for details.**

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT (COD608) and ALTERNATIVES

COD608 is a 6-point placement unit which runs over 2 semesters (Y or H 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 (available semester one)
- **EDN546:** Dynamics of Cultural Diversity in the Workplace and the Community (available semester two)

RESEARCH UNITS

During your studies you need to choose whether you undertake a short research project (**SUS620: 3 points**) or the longer dissertation program (**ART610: 12 points**). 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 if you are part-time).

- 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
- Students undertaking ART610 are recommended to enrol in **ART600 Research Proposal and Design** (3 points)

SPECIFIED ELECTIVES

You can choose specified electives from those listed below, but if you are interested in units that are not listed here this is still possible, but please discuss this with your academic chair. Most electives run in semester 1 or 2, but some also run in the summer or winter terms, or the trimesters that are run by the Murdoch Business School. Most electives are worth 3 points, but some are worth 6 points. To find out more about these units, visit the Murdoch handbook and search for the unit code: <https://handbook.murdoch.edu.au>

<p>Available in semester 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLC501: Communication Skills for post-graduate study (3 points) • SUS523: Cities and Sustainability (3 points) • AST650: Culture, Communities and Sustainability in Asia (3 points) • EDU616: Teaching and Learning in Culturally Diverse Environments (3 points) • GRD503: Design Thinking Tools (3 points) 	<p>Available in semester 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLC501: Communication Skills for post-graduate study (3 points) • GOV511: Critical Approaches to Development (6 points) • AST558: Gender in Asian Societies (3 points) • EDN546: Dynamics of Cultural Diversity in the Workplace and the Community (3 points) • MCM682: Global Media: Asia-Pacific Perspectives (3 points) • MCM604: People, Corporates and Globalisation (3 points) • GRD508: Innovation Development (3 points) 	
<p>Available in winter term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUS611: Resilient Regions (3 points) 	<p>Available in summer term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUS628: Development and Sustainability (3 points) 	
<p>Available in Trimester 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBS684: Managing Strategic Risks and Projects (6 points) • MBS662: Business, Society and the Environment (6 points) 	<p>Available in Trimester 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBS651: Leading and managing Nonprofit Organisations (3 points) 	<p>Available in Trimester 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBS684: Managing Strategic Risks and Projects (6 points) • MBS662: Business, Society and the Environment (6 points)