

## Course Plan for Masters in Community Development when starting mid-year

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 study 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, 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 2

[COD505](#):  
Community, Industry and Local Government (3 credit points)

[COD502](#):  
CD in Indigenous Communities (3 credit points)

[COD601](#):  
Community Development Methods (3 credit points)

Specified Elective

#### Year 2: Semester 1

[COD545](#)  
Community Development Theory and Practice (3 credit points)

[COD504](#):  
Community, Policy and Change (3 credit points)

[SUS512](#):  
Sustainability, Ecology and Communities (3 credit points)

Specified Elective

#### Year 2: Semester 2

[COD608](#):  
Community Development Internship  
(6 credit points over two semesters – 3 per semester)  
OR alternative units (see following page)

[ART6401](#) Research Project (6-point research project)  
or  
2 x Specified electives  
or  
[ART610](#) Research Dissertation (continued)

Specified Elective

#### Year 3: Semester 1

[COD608](#):  
Community Development Internship  
(6 credit points over two semesters – 3 per semester)  
OR alternative units (see following page)

[ART6401](#) Research Project (6-point research project)  
or  
2 x Specified electives  
or  
[ART610](#) Research Dissertation (12-points over 2 semesters)

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

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INTERNSHIP (COD608) and ALTERNATIVES

[COD608](#) is a 6-point internship unit which runs over 2 semesters, 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 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.

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

Toward the end of your studies you need to choose whether you undertake a short research project (ART6401: 6 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 6-point Research Project (ART6401) unit in your final year, you will need to study six units (18 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 electives during your degree
- Enrolling in the Research Dissertation (ART610) requires an average of a Distinction in your first-year units
- Both of the research units may also be studied over two 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. Click on the unit codes for more information about the units.

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