This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.
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**Pre/co-requisites**

- **Prerequisites**
  - SO501 Sociology and Christian Worldview
  - SO560 Practice Frameworks: Integration and Critique

- **Co-requisite**
  - SO566 Social Science Reflective Practice

**Modes**

- Internal
- External

**Delivery/Contact hrs**

- **Internal**
  - Supervision/mentoring: 30 hours
  - Assignment preparation: 52 hours
  - Applied social science experience: 300 hours
  - TOTAL: 130 hours

- **External**
  - Engagement with study materials: 78 hours
  - Assignment preparation: 52 hours
  - TOTAL: 130 hours

**Teaching Staff**

- Dr David Pohlmann
- Dr John Meteyard
- Dr Johan Roux

**Unit Rationale**

Mastery of the skills of applied social science practice is achieved through extensive practice and ongoing critical reflection. While preceding units in the Master of Social Science equip students with skills and theory in the social sciences, it is not until the student uses those skills in a substantive real life setting that he or she can really appreciate the utilisation of these skills, the application of the theories, the organisational dynamics of applied social science settings and the challenges of building relationships with clients and establishing appropriate strategies and procedures within a specific applied environment.

**Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of this unit students will have provided evidence that they have:

1. Demonstrated appropriate levels of personal, interpersonal and professional qualities and behaviour in interactions with clients, mentors and colleagues;
2. Developed, applied, and critically reflected on appropriate strategies and procedures for undertaking applied social science work;
3. Critically evaluated the aims, implementation and outcomes of a specific activity or program;
4. Applied and critiqued their personal and professional learning in the context of their emerging personal practice framework;
5. Undertaken leadership of a specific applied social science program or initiative, including planning, implementation and evaluation of outcomes;
6. Written at an appropriate tertiary standard with special attention to correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing and presentation.
Content:

The internship consists of a total of 420 hours, of which 400 involves actual applied social science practice and meeting with the internship mentor. The practical component of the unit may be undertaken in a minimum of 12 weeks and a maximum of 52 weeks. The placement occurs in an actual applied social science context and requires the student to meet with their designated mentor for approximately one hour for every 10 hours of work-related activity.

Before working with young people under the age of 18 years, students will need to demonstrate that they possess a Blue Card issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian of the Queensland Government (or equivalent), and gain written permission of the young person’s legal guardian.

Set Text Requirements:


Recommended Readings:


Journals

Journal of Community Practice

Journal of Progressive Human Services

Journal of Social Work Practice
**Assessment:**

Students in this unit will receive an exit grade of either Ungraded Pass or Fail.

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<td>Text Exercises and Evaluative Report</td>
<td>Evaluate a specific activity for which you were responsible during the internship and had developed a plan in the co-requisite unit, SO566 Social Science Reflective Practice. Ongoing reflection concerning the internship will be facilitated using the model and exercises in the text by Kiser (2006), which must also be submitted as part of the assessment.</td>
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<td>Practice Assessment</td>
<td>Mentors will evaluate students’ practical skills against a range of criteria. The following paperwork must be completed and submitted to the Social Sciences Practicum Coordinator in order for this assessment to be made: • Placement Verification • Internship Formative Report • Internship Summative Report • Internship Evaluation • Internship Work • Mentoring Log Book</td>
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