Masters in Community Development (M1212): Course Plan for students who started mid-year 2022

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

2022: Semester 2
COD505: Community, Industry and Local Government (3 credit points)
COD502: Community Development in Indigenous Communities (3 credit points)
COD601: Community Development Methods (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*

2023: Semester 1
COD545: Community Development Theory and Practice (3 credit points)
COD504: Community, Policy and Change (3 credit points)
Specified Elective
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2023: Semester 2 (Short Research Project Option)
SUS512: Sustainability, Ecology and Communities (3 credit points)
COD608: Professional Placement (6 credit points over two semesters – 3 per semester) <u>OR</u> alternative unit **EDN546** (see page 2)
Specified Elective
Specified Elective

2024: Semester 1 (Short Research Project Option)
SUS620 Research Project (3 credit points)
COD608: Professional Placement (6 credit points over two semesters – 3 per semester) <u>OR</u> alternative unit **AST650** (see page 2)
Specified Elective
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	Units highlighted gold are core units, and are compulsory.
	Units highlighted blue are research and internship units. **Please see page 2** for the choices you have.
	Units highlighted green are specified electives. Please 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). Most students undertaking the Masters undertake the short research project option. If you are considering the 12-point dissertation, please note the following:

- 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 should consider enrolling 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

Available in semester 1:	Available in semester 2:
• **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)	• **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)
Available in winter term: • **SUS611**: Resilient Regions (3 points)	**Available in summer term:** • **SUS628**: Development and Sustainability (3 points)

Available in Trimester 1:	Available in Trimester 2:	Available in Trimester 3:
• **MBS684:** Managing Strategic Risks and Projects (6 points) • **MBS662:** Business, Society and the Environment (6 points)	• **MBS651:** Leading and managing Nonprofit Organisations (3 points) •	• **MBS684:** Managing Strategic Risks and Projects (6 points) • **MBS662:** Business, Society and the Environment (6 points)