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General Information

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Credit points 3
Prerequisites
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description The objective of this unit is to introduce students to the extraordinary rich cultural heritage of Croatia and Croatians.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Appreciate the depth and complexity of Croatian culture and identify Croatia's contributions to European cultures and to the world.

Develop independent and analytical skills and judgement.

Attain better communication skills, written and oral (through written assessment in particular as well as through seminars and online discussions).

Develop research skills (through research for assessment tasks).

Develop management and organizational skills (through successful completion of tasks on time).

Develop critical thinking and skills (through understanding of ethical issues and objective and reasoned views demonstrated in written tasks, seminar and online discussions).

To help in the process of learning how to use theoretical knowledge in the history of Croatian culture and civilization, and to apply it to particular topics and tasks.

Apply the knowledge of Croatian culture, heritage and civilization in a wider context. Understand better intercultural processes and the position of Croatian culture in the Mediterranean basin and Central Europe, as well as to gain understanding of the space between the "Orient" and the West.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Assignment 1: Short essay	25%	7th April 2014
Assignment 2: Short essay	25%	5th May 2014
Essay	50%	10th June 2014

Assignment 1: Short essay

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Weighting: **25%**

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- Apply the knowledge of Croatian culture, heritage and civilization in a wider context.

Assignment 2: Short essay

Due: **5th May 2014**

Weighting: **25%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Develop independent and analytical skills and judgement.
- Attain better communication skills, written and oral (through written assessment in particular as well as through seminars and online discussions).

- Develop research skills (through research for assessment tasks).
- Develop critical thinking and skills (through understanding of ethical issues and objective and reasoned views demonstrated in written tasks, seminar and online discussions).
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Essay

Due: **10th June 2014**

Weighting: **50%**

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Delivery and Resources

Students will receive approximately ten (10) CDs of the internal lectures on Croatian culture and civilization. Listen to these lectures very carefully, take notes and compare what the lecturer says with the written materials that are relevant to the lectures.

In the course of the semester you are required to submit two (2) written assignments and one (1) essay. The essay should be 2,000 to 2,500 words in length. You may write your essay in whichever language you prefer, i.e. Croatian or English. The topic for the essay will be sent together with this Study Guide.

Sydney metropolitan students are encouraged to make use of the University Library and the

resources of the Croatian Studies Centre (W6A 117). You may also find that your local library has some Croatian books which may be of some use to you.

There is no on-campus session for CRO 108.

This unit has an online presence in iLearn <http://iLearn.mq.edu.au> **Students require access to a computer and the internet.**

Unit Schedule

Unit description

Croatia has been exposed to many other cultures during the course of its history. This makes it a very intriguing country for students, researchers and all others interested in history, art, architecture, and culture in general. Many cultural monuments in Croatia display a variety of artistic and architectural styles and periods; many present-day towns and cities in Croatia can be categorized as museums; many ancient Roman Catholic churches symbolize the cultural heritage of the Croatian people, and display the beauty and historical value of the region; Croatia's music has a long and rich tradition; Croatia is world famous for its *naïve* art, etc. But what did Croatia actually contribute to the world to earn the place on its cultural map? Croatia's cultural *differentia specifica* will be examined in the course of a semester.

Unit objectives

The objective of this course is to introduce the student to the extraordinary rich cultural heritage of Croatia and Croatians.

In the course of study students will learn that Croatia is a medium-size European country with a special place in the cultural geography of Europe. The position of Croatia is quite exceptional because it is the point of intersection of four culture zones: Central European to the north, Mediterranean to the south, as well as West European and East European.

Within a wider area of the Croatian lands several centres have developed in history: civilizational, national and political (Roman, Byzantine, Venetian, German, Hungarian, Turkish) as well as religious (Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic). In the division of Europe, brought about by the schism of Christianity and the deep Islamic-Turkish penetration in Europe exactly on the Croatian territory, Croatia turned to the western circle, constituting at the same time its eastern border (*antemurale*) and protecting thus its own political and cultural identity.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Late Assignment Policy - International Studies

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Develop management and organizational skills (through successful completion of tasks on time).
- Develop critical thinking and skills (through understanding of ethical issues and objective and reasoned views demonstrated in written tasks, seminar and online discussions).

Assessment task

- Assignment 2: Short essay

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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- Develop critical thinking and skills (through understanding of ethical issues and objective

and reasoned views demonstrated in written tasks, seminar and online discussions).

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1: Short essay
- Assignment 2: Short essay
- Essay

Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1: Short essay
- Assignment 2: Short essay
- Essay

Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1: Short essay
- Assignment 2: Short essay
- Essay

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Develop research skills (through research for assessment tasks).
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Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1: Short essay
- Assignment 2: Short essay
- Essay

Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment task

- Essay

Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's

historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment task

- Essay

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Develop critical thinking and skills (through understanding of ethical issues and objective and reasoned views demonstrated in written tasks, seminar and online discussions).

Plagiarism and Grading

Plagiarism

Assignments are to be your own work. Using someone else's words (either another student's, from a book, a journal article or a website) without clear acknowledgement is plagiarism and can incur serious penalties. The University defines plagiarism in its rules: "Plagiarism involves using the work of another person and presenting it as one's own." Plagiarism is a serious breach of the University's rules and carries significant penalties. Information about plagiarism can be found in the *Handbook of Undergraduate Studies*, on the web at <http://www.student.mq.edu.au/plagiarism> and on the Division cover sheet, which you must sign before you submit your assignments. If you are in doubt consult your lecturer or tutor.

Grading

The university has a set of guidelines on the distribution of grades across the range from fail to high distinction.

HD	High Distinction denotes performance which meets all unit objectives in such an exceptional way and with such marked excellence that it deserves the highest level of recognition;
D	Distinction denotes performance which clearly deserves a very high level of recognition as an excellent achievement in the unit;
Cr	Credit denotes performance which is substantially better than would normally be expected of competent students in the unit;
P	Pass denotes performance which satisfies unit objectives;
F	Fail denotes performance which does not meet unit objectives

The guidelines are designed to ensure comparability across the University.

Student support services

The University provides many different kinds of support services for you. Contact your tutor if you need help and see the range of services (such as counseling and writing skills) available at <http://www.student.mq.edu.au>.

Required and recommended readings

Required and recommended texts

Required Texts (Provided on loan by Centre for Open Education)

1. CROATIA IN THE HEART OF EUROPE (Zagreb: HPU, 1996)
2. *CROATIAN STUDIES REVIEW* (Sydney, 1997)
3. GEOJOURNAL, An International Journal on Human Geography and Environmental Sciences, *GEOJOURNAL, An International Journal on Human Geography and Environmental Sciences*, April 1996, vol. 38 no. 4, pp. 381-387.
4. Francis H. Eterovich: "Ethical Heritage" from CROATIA: Land, People, Culture, Vol. 1 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1976), pp. 191-225.
5. Ruža Bajurin: "Architecture, Sculpture and Painting" from CROATIA: Land, People, Culture, Vol. 1 (Toronto, 1976), pp. 317-347.
6. Fedor Kabalin: "Music" from CROATIA: Land, People, Culture, Vol. 1 (Toronto, 1976), pp. 278-303.
7. Ivan Meštrović: *FORWORD* to CROATIA: Land, People, Culture I; eds. F. H. Eterovich & C. Spalatin, Vol. 1 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1976).

Recommended Texts

Croatian History & Culture

Croatia: Land, People, Culture I, editors F. H. Eterovich and S. Spalatin (1976);

Croatia: Land, People, Culture II, editors F. H. Eterovich and C. Spalatin (1970);

B. Magas: *Croatia Through History* (2008);

M. Cvitanic: *Culture and customs of Croatia* (2011);

D. Horvatić: *Croatia* (1992);

D. Horvatić: *This is Croatia* (1991);

D. Dzino: *Becoming Slav, becoming Croat: identity transformations in post-Roman and early medieval Dalmatia* (2010);

V. Drapac: *Constructing Yugoslavia: A Transnational History* (2010);

Croatia in the early Middle Ages, ed. I Supicic (DR1548 .R3513 1999);

See also the works of Florin Curta downloadable on: <http://florida.academia.edu/FlorinCurta/Papers> "The early Slavs in the northern and eastern Adriatic regions. A critical approach," *Archaeologia Medievale* 37 (2010), pp. 285 – 306;

"Emperor Heraclius and the conversion of the Croats..." in *Medieval Christianitas. Different*

Regions, 'Faces,' Approaches, edited by Tsv. Stepanov, G. Kazakov (Mediaevalia Christiana, 3) Sofia 2010, pp. 121-138;

CROATIA and the Dalmatian Coast (Knopf Guides);

Rough Guide to Croatia (2005, ISBN: 978143533993);

Eyewitness Travel Guide (ISBN: 9781405319744);

Ancient History

J. J. Wilkes: *Dalmatia* (DG59.D4.W5);

Chapters by J. J. Wilkes in: *Cambridge Ancient History Vol. 10: The Augustan Empire, 43 BC – AD 69*, edited by A. K. Bowman, E. Champlin, A. Lintott (D57.C25/1982/vol10);

Cambridge Ancient History Vol. 11: The High Empire, AD 70-192, edited by A. K. Bowman, P. Garnsey, D. Rathbone (D57.C25/1982/ vol 11);

Chapters by M. Suić and B. Kuntić-Makvić in: *Croatia in the early Middle Ages: a cultural survey*, editor I. Supičić (DR1548.R3513/1999/);

D. Dzino: *Illyricum in Roman politics 22 BC – AD 68* (DR1350.I45 D97 2010);

J. J. Wilkes: *Diocletian's palace Split: residence of retired Roman emperor* (DR1645.S6847 W54);

Unit webpage

<http://www.eurolang.mq.edu.au/units/croatian/CRO108.html>