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The World Since 1945: An Australian Perspective

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Dept of Modern History, Politics & International Relations

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General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is a survey of the chief world developments influencing Australian history from 1945 to the present. Principle interest will focus on: a) Europe from post-war crisis and decline to present day resurgence, with themes of particular interest to Australia including migration, ideological trends, economic integration and decolonisation; b) the United States of America in its period of peak world power, with special attention to the politics and economics of the Cold War era and to the spread of American cultural values; c) East Asia (principally China and Japan) from post-war settlement to economic transformation with special reference to trade ties and accompanying Australian cultural adjustments.

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:

- A broad overview of world history since 1945, including the role of the United States, Europe and China, and the major events of the Cold War and post-Cold War period
- A conceptualisation of the Australian nation that places it in its global context,

emphasises the interconnectedness of Australian history, and highlights the ways global ideas are changed by exposure to local cultural and political conditions when they are adopted by Australians.

Discipline-specific skills, and an understanding of how to use discipline-specific tools to identify relevant material and use it to make an original argument in response to set questions.

An approach to historical knowledge that acknowledges that such knowledge is constructed, contains assumptions in line with contemporary political and social debates, and is thus not values-free.

The ability to form informed opinions about the past, backed by evidence and tested through peer review and debate with peers in class.

The ability to gather, engage with and synthesise a historical information, form an evidence-based argument from it, and communicate that argument with clarity in writing.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Seminar Quiz</u>	20%	Ongoing
<u>Secondary Source Exercise</u>	15%	Friday 7th August
<u>Research skills peer review ex</u>	5%	14th August
<u>Primary Source Analysis</u>	15%	Friday 4th September
<u>Essay Draft</u>	15%	Monday 28th September
<u>Research Essay</u>	30%	Friday 30th October

Seminar Quiz

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **20%**

Each week in class you will be asked two multiple choice questions about that week's reading. There will be ten quizzes in total, and no quiz for the reading week, or for the essay writing workshop. Each quiz is thus worth 2% of your final grade. You must get both questions right to earn the marks for that week's tutorial. External students will have a week to complete the quiz online.

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Secondary Source Exercise

Due: **Friday 7th August**

Weighting: **15%**

This exercise consists of five short answer comprehension questions on two set readings. You will complete it after the week one discussions, and hand it in (electronically through turnitin) on the Friday of week two. The aim of this exercise is to produce a synthesis of two historical articles. A detailed description of the task, including the short answer questions, is available on iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Research skills peer review ex

Due: **14th August**

Weighting: **5%**

This week you will watch a short video about Library resources and practise using them to locate useful sources for your essay. Then, in small groups, you will select and assess journal articles that will aid you in writing your essay. External students can collaborate online using turnitin.

The assessment exercise requires you to locate a single journal article that will be useful for your essay and upload it through the peer-review task on I learn. Then you will read over two of your classmates' chosen articles and rate them for usefulness.

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Primary Source Analysis

Due: **Friday 4th September**

Weighting: **15%**

This exercise consists of four short answer comprehension questions on two set primary sources. You will hand it in (electronically through turnitin) on the Friday of week six. The aim of this exercise is to analyse two primary sources in light of the two secondary sources you synthesised in the first assessment task. A detailed description of the task, including the short answer questions, is available on iLearn.

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Essay Draft

Due: **Monday 28th September**

Weighting: **15%**

This task concentrates on your writing. You will write a draft of your essay that you will need to share with your tutor and peers. In Week 8 you will provide a soft copy of your essay draft for peer review. From that draft do the following:

- Write a thesis statement in response to your essay question. It should be no longer than one sentence, and it must answer the question.
- Choose two consecutive paragraphs to include as representative of your work.

A full description of the task is available on iLearn. External students will attach a soft copy to the tutorial discussion and also submit a second copy electronically through turnitin by the end of Friday of Week 9 9th October.

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Research Essay

Due: **Friday 30th October**

Weighting: **30%**

The major assessment task for this unit is a 2000-word essay. You will build on the work from the previous four assessment tasks to write an essay in response to your set question. You are expected to do research beyond the set texts for this question. It is due the Friday of Week 12. You will submit it electronically through Turnitin.

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Delivery and Resources

This unit will be taught as a flipped unit for the first time. All lecture content will be provided online and internal students will attend a 1/12-2 hour seminar. All students will need to have watched/listened to lectures before coming to class. All students will need a high speed internet connection to watch video lectures, listen to audio presentations and to participate in online learning exercises. At the end of face-to-face tutorials, internal students will be required to reflect on their learning in their OU blogs. External students will do this online. OU blogs will be accessible via the unit's I learn pages. Students can use laptops or mobile devices to record these reflections at the end of class each week.

External students will contribute to seminar discussions online.

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/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your

student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](#).

Late penalties, Extensions and Disruption to Studies

Assessments handed in late in this subject will be penalised at 2% per day late, with Saturday and Sunday counting as one day. Assessments handed in after the Post Date on Turnitin (ie the date on which assessments are returned to students) will not be accepted without a Disruption to Studies application.

Informal extensions of up to one week need to be approved by the course convener. Extensions of more than one week need to be made via the Disruption to Studies policy, outlined above.

No extensions are available on the weekly quiz. If a Disruption to Studies application covers a weekly quiz, then alternative arrangements will be made in that case.

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

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 outcome

- Discipline-specific skills, and an understanding of how to use discipline-specific tools to identify relevant material and use it to make an original argument in response to set questions.

Assessment tasks

- Primary Source Analysis
- Essay Draft
- Research Essay

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.

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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.

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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.

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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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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.

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Learning outcomes

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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

- The ability to form informed opinions about the past, backed by evidence and tested through peer review and debate with peers in class.
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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 outcome

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Assessment tasks

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- Research 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:

Assessment task

- Research Essay

Changes from Previous Offering

This unit will be delivered as an entirely flipped unit for the first time.