



# MGK 121

## Modern Greek History and Culture

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*Dept of International Studies*

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## General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

Unit Convenor

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This is a general education unit, open to all students. Lectures are given in English. Students who are unable to attend all lectures may be allowed to undertake part of the unit by research. The unit involves the analysis of the political and ideological sphere of the Greek state within the context of the Balkan nations and other European countries. The goal of this unit is to demonstrate various aspects of nation building and identity construction in one of the oldest existing cultures in Europe.

## 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:

To appreciate the depth and diversity of Greek history and culture and identify the contributions and continued relevance of Greek history and culture to today's realities.

To develop independent and analytical judgment.

To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.

To develop self-organizational and time management skills.

To work with and collaborate with others effectively.

To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.

To assess and prioritize information.

To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and

a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

## Assessment Tasks

| Name                            | Weighting | Due     |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| <u>Participation</u>            | 20%       | ongoing |
| <u>First Class Test (oral)</u>  | 20%       | Week 4  |
| <u>First written assignment</u> | 20%       | Week 7  |
| <u>Final summative test</u>     | 40%       | Week 13 |

### Participation

Due: **ongoing**

Weighting: **20%**

Participation during the class to develop critical argumentation and source information.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To work with and collaborate with others effectively.
- To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.
- To assess and prioritize information.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

### First Class Test (oral)

Due: **Week 4**

Weighting: **20%**

First Class Test on sources given in class in order to be incorporated with external sources; knowledge acquisition to most important concepts.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To develop self-organizational and time management skills.
- To assess and prioritize information.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

## First written assignment

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

First written assignment, in order to experience research skills and prioritization of the sources; argumentation and critical thinking development.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- To develop independent and analytical judgment.
- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To develop self-organizational and time management skills.
- To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.
- To assess and prioritize information.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

## Final summative test

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

Final summative test on the completion of the unit; examining the entirety content of the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- To appreciate the depth and diversity of Greek history and culture and identify the contributions and continued relevance of Greek history and culture to today's realities.
- To develop independent and analytical judgment.
- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To develop self-organizational and time management skills.
- To assess and prioritize information.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

## Delivery and Resources

### REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

#### Required:

Clogg, R., *A Concise History of Greece*, Cambridge University Press, Second edition 2002 (uni. bookshop).

Treadgold, W., *A Concise History of Byzantium*, Palgrave, New York, 2001 (uni bookshop).

## UNIT WEBPAGE AND TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

### Online Unit

Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Is my unit in iLearn?: <http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/> to check when your online unit will become available.

### Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

- For technical support go to: [http://mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/informatics/help](http://mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/informatics/help)
- For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: [http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student\\_info/guides.htm](http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/guides.htm)

## Unit Schedule

Please refer to your online unit for the unit schedule - [ilearn.mq.edu.au](http://ilearn.mq.edu.au)

## 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](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](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](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/](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](#).

## 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](http://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](http://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

- To develop independent and analytical judgment.
- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To work with and collaborate with others effectively.
- To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

## Assessment task

- Final summative test

## 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:

## Learning outcomes

- To develop independent and analytical judgment.
- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To develop self-organizational and time management skills.
- To work with and collaborate with others effectively.
- To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.

## Assessment tasks

- Participation
- First Class Test (oral)
- Final summative test

## 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:

## **Learning outcomes**

- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To develop self-organizational and time management skills.
- To work with and collaborate with others effectively.
- To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.
- To assess and prioritize information.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

## **Assessment tasks**

- Participation
- First Class Test (oral)
- Final summative test

## **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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## **Learning outcomes**

- To develop independent and analytical judgment.
- To develop self-organizational and time management skills.
- To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

## **Assessment tasks**

- Participation
- First Class Test (oral)
- First written assignment
- Final summative test

## **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**

- To develop independent and analytical judgment.
- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To develop self-organizational and time management skills.
- To assess and prioritize information.

### **Assessment tasks**

- Participation
- First Class Test (oral)
- First written assignment
- Final summative test

## **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**

- To develop independent and analytical judgment.
- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To work with and collaborate with others effectively.
- To assess and prioritize information.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

### **Assessment tasks**

- Participation
- First Class Test (oral)
- First written assignment

## 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

- To attain advanced communication skills, written and oral.
- To work with and collaborate with others effectively.
- To develop a critical consciousness, informed by an understanding of ethical issues, and a self-reflexive awareness of the reasoned views of others.

### Assessment task

- First written assignment

## 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 outcomes

- To develop independent and analytical judgment.
- To work with and collaborate with others effectively.
- To develop research skills including library and information retrieval skills.

### Assessment task

- Participation

## Late Assignment Policy

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.