



# ANTH701

## Core Issues in Anthropological Theory I

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*Anthropology*

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The core unit in the Master of Research specialisation in anthropology provides a grounding in theoretical, methodological and interpretive issues that are currently being debated by anthropologists. These issues will vary from year to year according to contemporary developments in anthropology and the interests of the course convenor. Others may be more enduring, such as the theoretical issues related to kinship, to politics and power and the relation between individual and society, the “writing culture” debate, “Orientalism” and the problem of the “other,” and cultural relativism.

## 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:

The course will give a grasp of some advanced theoretical frameworks with anthropology and from political philosophy.

The ethnographic component of the course will train in linking abstract and concrete

levels of understanding

The topic of agency is central to understanding not only a discipline but the broad aim of understanding human experience

The course trains graduate students in connecting the specifics of anthropological thinking with issues that have shaped most of the humanities in the last thirty years.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Participation</u>	5%	Weekly
<u>Major essay</u>	90%	15 June
<u>Preparation</u>	5%	Weekly

### Participation

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **5%**

10% will be allocated for thorough preparation, reading and using a Discussion Preparation guide to come to class with questions for discussion. DPGs will be handed in to convenor every four weeks.

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### Major essay

Due: **15 June**

Weighting: **90%**

The essay will be 5000 words long. It will require you to take two of the theorists covered in the course, and to apply them to any two ethnographies referred to in the course. The student will read the two ethnographies fully.

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## Preparation

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **5%**

Preparation will be judged in part through attendance/participation and in part through the convenor reading through the Discussion Preparation Guides (to be submitted every four weeks).

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## Delivery and Resources

The course will use:

ILearn,

the Library,

Ordinary class room seminar techniques.

## Unit Schedule

The course meets on Wednesday between 11-1 for 13 weeks. Students are expected to use the mid term break to do readings marked as requiring intensive attention.

## 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/)

## 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.