



ABST100

Introducing Indigenous Australia

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Dept of Indigenous Studies - Warawara

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit offers a broad introduction to the history and cultures of Indigenous Australia from an Indigenous standpoint. Students in this unit will study the historical impact of British colonisation on Australia's first peoples and learn about the history of Indigenous political resistance centred on land, social justice, human rights and cultural identity. Students in this unit will also be introduced to the social, cultural and political outlook of contemporary Indigenous identity and explore the impact and influence of early colonialist race theory on contemporary representations of Indigenous identity. This unit presents as a thought provoking and challenging cultural experience of Indigenous Australian history, culture and worldview and as such provides a solid theoretical foundation for anyone wishing to pursue further Indigenous studies.

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:

Describe the history of Indigenous Australia since British colonisation.

Discuss the social, cultural and political issues that challenge contemporary Indigenous Australia.

Explain contemporary Indigenous identity and Indigenous representations of Indigenous identity.

Examine non-Indigenous constructions of Indigenous identity over time, including early colonialist race theory and its impact on contemporary representations of Indigenous identity.

Explore societal misconceptions, ideas, attitudes and assumptions about Indigenous Australia.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Essay	25%	Monday 29th August, 2016
Reflective Essay	25%	Monday 10th October, 2016
Topic Analysis	40%	Monday 7th November, 2016
Class participation	10%	Ongoing

Essay

Due: **Monday 29th August, 2016**

Weighting: **25%**

Students will identify and discuss the local Indigenous Australian people of the land on which the student lives/works/or studies.

Further information about the assignment, including the criteria and standards by which your work will be assessed will be available in the ilearn site.

Please note that late submissions will incur a one mark per day penalty.

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Reflective Essay

Due: **Monday 10th October, 2016**

Weighting: **25%**

Students will write a 1500 word reflective essay drawing from their journals that focus on their learning and findings of the topics (lectures, tutorial discussion/online forum) presented to date.

Further information about the assignment, including the criteria and standards by which your work will be assessed will be available in the ilearn site.

Please note that late submissions will incur a one mark per day penalty.

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Topic Analysis

Due: **Monday 7th November, 2016**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will self-select 3 weekly topics and will critically engage with and draw upon those topics to discuss their relationship to Indigenous Australians.

Further information about the assignment, including the criteria and standards by which your

work will be assessed will be available in the ilearn site.

Please note that late submissions will incur a one mark per day penalty.

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Class participation

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **10%**

Student attendance and contributions will be assessed on an on-going basis.

This participation mark has two components:

*Class participation – attendance, reading, posing questions/identifying key themes.

*Class contribution – actively participating in classroom/online discussion.

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Delivery and Resources

Online units can be accessed at: <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>.

Students are to listen to all lectures and respond to the weekly question on ilearn.

PC and Internet access are required. Basic computer skills (e.g. internet browsing) and skills in word processing are also a requirement.

Please consult teaching staff for any further, more specific requirements.

Unit Schedule

Weekly Lecture Schedule ABST 100 Introduction to Indigenous Australia – Semester Two 2016

X5B Theatre 1

Lecture 1 4 th August	Welcome to Indigenous Studies
Lecture 2 11 th August	Who are Indigenous Australia: Identity
Lecture 3 18 th August	Indigenous People and the Media
Lecture 4 25 th August	An historical timeline: colonisation to resistance
Lecture 5 2 nd September	Indigenous people and Health
Lecture 6 8 th September	Race and Racism
Lecture 7 15 th September	Indigenous people and Literature
Mid-Semester Break	
Lecture 8 6 th October	Indigenous land and country

Lecture 9 13 th October	Indigenous Education
Lecture 10 20 th October	Stolen Generations
Lecture 11 27 th October	Indigenous people and the law: The Northern Territory Intervention or Stronger Futures?
Lecture 12 3 rd November	More than dots: Indigenous people and the Arts
Lecture 13 10 th November	Indigenous Australia: Where to from here

Weekly Tutorial Schedule ABST 100 Introduction to Indigenous Australia – Semester Two 2016

Week 1 No Tutorial	This week please post some information about yourself. This could include the course you are undertaking at Macquarie, your reasons for choosing this subject and/or what you hope to learn from ABST100.
Week 2 11 th /12 th August Tutorial Reading and Question:	What is Indigenous? Who are Indigenous? What is Indigenous studies? DODSON, M. 1994. The Wentworth lecture the end in the beginning: Re(de)finding [A]boriginality. Australian Aboriginal Studies, 2-13.
Week 3 18 th /19 th August Tutorial Reading and Question:	Students will name and discuss a recent news article. All students to locate their own news article from recent newspapers (Koori Mail, Sydney Morning Herald, Daily Telegraph etc). Internal students should bring a copy to their tutorial class, external students are to cite their news article for other students to locate and read. How are Indigenous people represented by mainstream media? Is Indigenous media (Koori Mail, NITV) empowering for Indigenous people, why? BANERJEE, S. B. & OSURI, G. 2000. Silences of the media: whitening out Aboriginality in making news and making history. Media, Culture & Society, 22, 263-284.

<p>Week 4</p> <p>25th/26th</p> <p>August</p> <p>Tutorial Reading and Question:</p>	<p>It has been claimed that the extent of Indigenous death through massacre has been greatly exaggerated (Windshuttle 2002). Do you think this aspect of Australia's history is an inconvenient truth? Why was Australia invaded?</p> <p>What, in your opinion, was the greatest act of resistance by Indigenous Australia?</p> <p>REYNOLDS, H. 2006. Resistance: Motives and Objectives. In: REYNOLDS, H. (ed.) The other side of the frontier: Aboriginal resistance to the European invasion of Australia. Sydney: UNSW Press.</p>
<p>Week 5</p> <p>2nd/3rd</p> <p>September</p> <p>Tutorial Reading and Question:</p>	<p>What solutions can you argue that may improve basic health lifestyles for Aboriginal peoples in city/rural/remote locations? Can you identify some successful health programs?</p> <p>PHOLI, K., BLACK, D. & RICHARDS, C. 2009. Is 'Close the Gap' a useful approach to improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians? Australian Review of Public Affairs, 2, 1-13.</p>
<p>Week 6</p> <p>8th/9th</p> <p>September</p> <p>Tutorial Reading and Question:</p>	<p>How or why are Indigenous Australians targeted for racism by Australian society?</p> <p>MELLOR, D. 2003. Contemporary Racism in Australia: The Experiences of Aborigines. Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 29, 474-486.</p>
<p>Week 7</p> <p>15th/16th</p> <p>September</p> <p>Tutorial Reading and Question:</p>	<p>In what ways can literature expose Indigenous ways of seeing history, social issues and life in general?</p> <p>Readings will be posted to ilearn.</p>
<p>Mid-Semester Break</p>	
<p>Week 8</p> <p>6th/7th</p> <p>October</p> <p>Tutorial Reading and Question:</p>	<p>What are the concerns about Aboriginal Australian Native title claims in Australia? Consider the pastoral (farming) and mining industries – who actually has control over 'Aboriginal lands'?</p> <p>Why is land important to Indigenous Australians?</p> <p>SEIDEL, P. 2004. Native Title: The struggle for justice for the Yorta Yorta Nation. Alternative Law Journal, 29, 70-74.</p>
<p>Week 9</p> <p>13th/14th</p> <p>October</p> <p>Tutorial Reading and Question:</p>	<p>What strategies would you include in any educational setting (early childhood, primary, Secondary, tertiary) that could increase participation levels of Indigenous students?</p> <p>RIGNEY, L.-I. 2011. Indigenous education and tomorrow's classroom: Three questions, three answers. In: PURDIE, N., MILGATE, G. & BELL, H. R. (eds.) Two way teaching and learning: Toward culturally reflective and relevant education. Victoria: ACER Press.</p>

Week 10 20 th /21 st October Tutorial Reading and Question:	<p>The Stolen Generations had a deep impact on Indigenous Australia. How and why is this still affecting Indigenous Australia today?</p> <p>Was the national apology effective?</p> <p>Listen to more testimonies http://stolengenerationstestimonies.com/</p> <p>READ, P. 1998. The return of the stolen generation. Journal of Australian Studies, 22, 8-19.</p>
Week 11 27 th /28 th October Tutorial Reading and Question:	<p>Discuss Gary Johns article on The Northern Territory Intervention in Aboriginal Affairs: 'Wicked Problem or Wicked Policy'? What factors are at play?</p> <p>JOHNS, G. 2008. The Northern Territory Intervention in Aboriginal Affairs: Wicked Problem or Wicked Policy? Agenda, 15, 65-84.</p>
Week 12 3 rd /4 th November Tutorial Reading and Question:	<p>Choose an Indigenous identified character from television or film, and discuss the ways in which that character is portrayed.</p> <p>GLOW, H. & JOHANSON, K. Your Genre is Black!: Indigenous Performing Arts and Policy. Platform Papers, 2009. Jan 2009, 1-66.</p>
Week 13 10 th /11 th November	NO TUTORIAL

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

New Assessment Policy in effect from Session 2 2016 http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html. For more information visit http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/

Assessment Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

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

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.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.

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 Support for Indigenous Australian students –

The University has an Indigenous Student Support Officer, who is able to provide social educational and personal support for all Indigenous students. For further information please contact (02) 9850 4209.

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://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources 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

- Explore societal misconceptions, ideas, attitudes and assumptions about Indigenous Australia.

Assessment tasks

- Reflective Essay
- Topic Analysis
- Class participation

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

- Reflective Essay
- Topic Analysis

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

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Assessment tasks

- Reflective Essay
- Topic Analysis
- Class participation

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

- Describe the history of Indigenous Australia since British colonisation.
- Discuss the social, cultural and political issues that challenge contemporary Indigenous Australia.

- Explain contemporary Indigenous identity and Indigenous representations of Indigenous identity.

Assessment tasks

- Essay
- Reflective Essay
- Topic Analysis
- Class participation

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

- Describe the history of Indigenous Australia since British colonisation.
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Assessment tasks

- Essay
- Reflective Essay
- Topic Analysis
- Class participation

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

- Describe the history of Indigenous Australia since British colonisation.