



MHIZ300

Making History: Capstone Unit - PACE Stream

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Dept of Modern History, Politics & International Relations

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General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
(39cp including 3cp in HIST or MHIS units at 300 level) or (3cp in HIST or MHIS units at 300 level and (6cp in HIST or MHIS or POL units at 200 level including 3cp in HIST or MHIS units at 200 level)) and permission of Executive Dean of Faculty

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is intended to teach and assess the skills that we believe modern history majors should acquire during their study. Students design a research project, identify the best way to achieve its objectives, identify the relevant research materials and archives, and produce a professional piece of written work that communicates their findings in the most appropriate format. Students also work with people from different backgrounds, give and receive valuable feedback that improves their work, and communicate their findings orally in clear and concise presentations. The PACE stream will involve research projects created in consultation with external partners. Students will benefit from first hand engagement with public historians and the practice of history outside the university. The aim is for the PACE unit to encourage Modern History majors to evaluate how their discipline specific knowledge can be used in a variety of workplaces.

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:

Understand key developments in modern historiography;

- Learn how to formulate research questions about the past;
- Understand the kinds of research needed to answer these questions;
- Develop a range of skills in historical research in both primary and secondary sources;
- Be able to structure their research into a coherent argument or thesis;
- Communicate their research in a range of oral and written forms, including (but not limited to) an academic essay;
- Give and receive effective, constructive feedback on their work and the work of other students in the unit;
- Be able to work independently on a large piece of work over an extended period of time.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Seminar Participation	10%	Assessed weekly
Preliminary report	15%	24.3.16
Presentation on your project	10%	Week 10
PACE Project	50%	3.6.16
Summative report	15%	8.6.16

Seminar Participation

Due: **Assessed weekly**

Weighting: **10%**

Seminar Participation.

Worth 10%

You are expected to attend every seminar in this unit or participate in seminar discussions online – absences must be documented (for example, with a medical certificate). If you cannot attend in person then you must contribute to discussion online. Participation means not only doing all the readings beforehand but contributing to discussion with your fellow students during our meeting. Your grade is assessed on the basis of your generosity with your knowledge to other students and your willingness to ask relevant questions and to have a go at trying to answer others' questions. Simply turning up registers no marks at all. External students or students on placement have to be especially active in this seminar-based subject. We have high expectations of all of you. You have to commit the same amount of time as internal students to your seminar participation. You are expected to post at least 250 words to the discussion forum every week, and to engage in a conversation with your fellow external students - re-post in reply to others as

discussions progress.

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Preliminary report

Due: **24.3.16**

Weighting: **15%**

Preliminary report on your PACE project

Worth 15% Due: 24.3.16

Word length: 500 words

Write a 500 word report on your PACE project

1. A prospective title for your PACE project (it does not matter if the title changes as the project proceeds): titles are important, they signpost the argument or contents of a project.
2. The research question that you have devised. Note that this must be a *question*, not a vague topic, because your eventual project will be marked according to the question you have designed.
3. Discussion of how you will approach the project, explaining what sources you will use and why they are useful as well as what issues you will focus on and why these are significant. Include short answers to the following questions:
 - a) What is the context for my project?
 - b) What is my topic about (include period & place but also specific historical field, such as 'media history', 'public history', 'migration' or 'political history')?
 - c) What are my main sources (are they accessible and why are they useful)?
 - d) Who are the major historians working in my field (and when did their work appear)?
 - e) What other concepts will I need to understand in order to explore this topic properly (e.g. gender, race, national identity)

This assessment task is an important scaffold for the larger project. It assesses your ability to select a research area, refine a research question, and identify appropriate forms and sources of evidence for your research question.

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Presentation on your project

Due: **Week 10**

Weighting: **10%**

Presentation

Worth: 10%

Due: Week 10

Duration: 5 minutes (strictly!)

Present a 5-minute presentation to your PACE peers about one key piece of evidence used in your research. This presentation will be posted on line via I learn. You will need to outline briefly the topic and then question of the Research Project. You will then need to introduce the piece of evidence and explain why it is significant. You should tell us how you came across it, what it reveals to you, what other sources it relates to or sheds light upon, as well as something about its limitations. You will be assessed on your ability to present clearly and engagingly, and your ability to edit content to the required timeframe. This assessment task is designed to assess your oral communication skills, and your ability to organise and deliver information in non-written formats. As you are all working on different subjects, this will be a wonderful opportunity to hear about everyone's discoveries and special interests. You should use a presentation tool like PowerPoint, Keynote or Prezi to deliver your presentation. You will be expected to be able to answer audience questions afterwards.

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PACE Project

Due: **3.6.16**

Weighting: **50%**

PACE Project and Historiographic essay

Due: Week 12: 3.6.16

Word Length: Negotiable but the historiographic essay should be 2000 words long

The contents of your PACE project will be assessed. This will vary in word length depending upon the task/project involved. The PACE host and convenor will assess your PACE project work. You will also be assessed on a 2000 word historiographic essay on the question proposed in your PACE Proposal. The PACE Project and Historiographic Essay is the major assessment task in this unit. It must address an original research question. It should develop the means to answer the research question, using relevant primary and secondary sources. Conducting original research is central to the project. The seminars of the unit are intended to scaffold your development as a research historian, in conjunction with consultations with Modern History staff and the Capstone convenors. You will work with one member of staff in particular on your project, and you should aim to consult with them at least four times during the research and writing.

Remember that your PACE Project needs:

1. a title
2. an appropriate research question
3. an answer to the research question via an analysis of primary sources within a context of wider secondary reading
4. a complete bibliography, starting on a fresh page, styled in accordance with the Modern History Citation Guide

NB: When you submit the unit project, you must also complete and attach the self-assessment form, which will be available for download from the iLearn site.

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Summative report

Due: **8.6.16**

Weighting: **15%**

Summative report

Worth: 15%

Due: 8.6.16

Word length: 500 words

Compose a 500 word summative report on your experiences as a PACE student.

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Delivery and Resources

Classes

See mq timetables for venue and times.

Recommended Readings

The following texts are available on Reserve in the MQ Library:

E.H. Carr *What Is History?*

Ann Curthoys and Ann McGrath *How To Write History That People Want to Read*

Ann Curthoys and John Docker *Is History Fiction?*

Experiments in Re-Thinking History, ed. Alan Munslow and Robert Rosenstone

Ludmilla Jordanova *History in Practice*

Stuart McIntyre and Anna Clark *The History Wars*

Beverly Southgate *What is History For?*

Making History: An Introduction to the History and Practices of a Discipline, ed. Peter Lambert and Philipp Schofield

New Perspectives on Historical Writing, ed. Peter Burke

John Tosh with Sean Lang *The Pursuit of History: Aims, Methods, and New Directions in the Study of Modern History*

What Is History Now? ed. David Cannadine

Required Technologies

This unit uses iLearn and all unit news will be communicated via I learn. All students are expected to have high speed and reliable access to the internet and a computer. All students are required to possess basic computer skills (such as word processing and web browsing).

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 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:

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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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Be able to work independently on a large piece of work over an extended period of time.

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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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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.

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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

- Give and receive effective, constructive feedback on their work and the work of other students in the unit;

Assessment tasks

- Seminar Participation

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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

- Give and receive effective, constructive feedback on their work and the work of other students in the unit;

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Assessment Policies

Assignment Submission

Written work must be submitted via turnitin.

External Students must complete and attach a COE coversheet and plagiarism declaration to all submitted work. See the [instructions on assignment submission](#) on the COE website.

Extensions and Special Consideration

Students who encounter difficulties in meeting the assessment deadlines should apply for an extension directly to teaching staff in advance of the due date. Appropriate documentation (such as a medical certificate) must be provided for an extension request to be approved. No extensions will be granted on or after the due date for the assignment in question. If you are experiencing any difficulties at all please contact the convenors to let them know as soon as possible.

Work submitted late without an extension will be penalized 2% for every day it is late after the due date.

Special Consideration

Students should familiarize themselves with the University's [Special Consideration Policy](#) before

submitting such a request.

Students can submit requests for Special Consideration online via ask.mq.edu.