



# WACH100

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is designed to support students in their transition to university by enabling them to understand and achieve standards of performance required in an academic environment. The unit provides a three-level focus which is initiated by supporting the development of academic practices, behaviours and values. Secondly, it fosters a level of familiarity with the disciplinary language, texts and conventions used when studying in programs offered by the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Human Sciences. Finally, it raises an awareness of the diverse perspectives offered by disciplines and the different contributions they can make to solving problems and addressing issues of concern in contemporary society. Learning and assessment activities are designed to build the capacity for independent and collaborative approaches to learning. Students are guided to develop their capacity for reading, thinking and expressing ideas effectively and critically.

## 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:

Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.

Apply reasoning to support a position or argument.

Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.

Apply academic referencing conventions accurately and appropriately.

Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.

Plan and produce texts to reflect academic and disciplinary standards.

Engage in independent and collaborative learning activities.

Use discipline specific terminology to communicate concepts and ideas relevant to this unit.

## General Assessment Information

### Requirements to Pass

In order to pass this unit a student must obtain a mark of 50 or more for the unit (i.e. obtain a passing grade P/ CR/ D/ HD).

For further details about grading, please refer to [Schedule 1](#) of the [Assessment Policy](#).

**Students must also pass any hurdle assessments as stipulated in the Assessment Section of this Unit Guide.**

### Grading

The College will award common result grades as specified in [Schedule 1](#) of the [Assessment Policy](#).

Students will receive criteria and standards for specific assessment tasks, which will be aligned with the grading descriptors given in [Schedule 1](#).

The attainment (or otherwise) of learning outcomes for a unit of study will be reported by grade and mark which will correspond to the Schedule 1 and be as outlined below.

| Grade |                  | Mark Range | Outcome | Description  |
|-------|------------------|------------|---------|--|
| HD    | High Distinction | 85-100     | Pass    | Provides consistent evidence of deep and critical understanding in relation to the learning outcomes. There is substantial originality, insight or creativity in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem solving approaches; critical evaluation of problems, their solutions and their implications; creativity in application as appropriate to the program.                |
| D     | Distinction      | 75-84      | Pass    | Provides evidence of integration and evaluation of critical ideas, principles and theories, distinctive insight and ability in applying relevant skills and concepts in relation to learning outcomes. There is demonstration of frequent originality or creativity in defining and analysing issues or problems and providing solutions; and the use of means of communication appropriate to the program and the audience. |

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|----|--------|-------|----------------|--|
| CR | Credit | 65-74 | Pass           | Provides evidence of learning that goes beyond replication of content knowledge or skills relevant to the learning outcomes. There is demonstration of substantial understanding of fundamental concepts in the field of study and the ability to apply these concepts in a variety of contexts; convincing argumentation with appropriate coherent justification; communication of ideas fluently and clearly in terms of the conventions of the program. |
| P  | Pass   | 50-64 | Pass           | Provides sufficient evidence of the achievement of learning outcomes. There is demonstration of understanding and application of fundamental concepts of the program; routine argumentation with acceptable justification; communication of information and ideas adequately in terms of the conventions of the program. The learning attainment is considered satisfactory or adequate or competent or capable in relation to the specified outcomes.     |
| F  | Fail   | 0-49  | Fail           | Does not provide evidence of attainment of learning outcomes. There is missing or partial or superficial or faulty understanding and application of the fundamental concepts in the field of study; missing, undeveloped, inappropriate or confusing argumentation; incomplete, confusing or lacking communication of ideas in ways that give little attention to the conventions of the program.  |
| FA | Fail   |       | Did Not Attend | Student has failed the compulsory attendance component of assessment   |
| FH | Fail   | 49    | Failed Hurdle  | Student has obtained a raw mark over 50, yet failed all available attempts of at least one hurdle assessment (as described within Schedule 2 of the Assessment Policy).  |

Final Grades not receiving a mark because the student has withdrawn after the Census Date, not submitted or completed one or more components of the assessment, has been awarded a supplementary assessment or because of an unresolved matter such as allegations of academic misconduct are outlined in [Schedule 1](#).

### Where to find information about assessment

General assessment information including the number and nature of assessments, due dates and weightings has been provided in this unit guide.

Specific assessment information including assignment instructions, questions, marking criteria and rubrics as well as examples of relevant and related assessment tasks and responses will be available in the Assessment section on iLearn. For units that have final examinations, students may access past final exam papers using [MultiSearch](#).

### Student Responsibilities

As per the [Assessment Policy](#), students are responsible for their learning and are expected to:

- actively engage with assessment tasks, including carefully reading the guidance provided, understanding criteria, spending sufficient time on the task and submitting work on time;
- read, reflect and act on feedback provided;

- actively engage in activities designed to develop assessment literacy, including taking the initiative where appropriate (e.g. seeking clarification or advice, negotiating learning contracts, developing grading criteria and rubrics);
- provide constructive feedback on assessment processes and tasks through student feedback mechanisms (e.g. student surveys, suggestions for future offerings, student representation on committees);
- ensure that their work is their own; and
- be familiar with University policy and College procedures and act in accordance with those policy and procedures.

### **Submission of Assessment Tasks**

Assessments must be submitted in accordance with instructions provided in this unit guide. Assessment tasks which have not been submitted as required will not be marked; they will be considered a non-submission and zero marks will be awarded for the task.

### **Extensions & Late Submissions**

Extensions will only be granted as a result of a [Disruptions to Studies](#) Notification for which special consideration has been awarded. To apply for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item, students must submit their Disruptions to Studies notification via [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

Late submissions without an approved extension are possible but will be penalised at 20% per 24 hour period or thereof up to 4 days (weekend inclusive).

Example: An assignment is due at 5:00 pm on a Friday and is marked out of 100 marks.

- If a student submits at 5:02 pm on the Friday and no Disruptions to Studies or special consideration is granted, a penalty of 20% of the total marks possible (20 marks) will be deducted from their result.
- If the student submits the assignment on Sunday and no Disruptions to Studies or special consideration is granted, then a penalty of 40% (40 marks) will be deducted and so on.
- If a student submits an assessment task 5 or more days after the due date and no Disruptions to Studies or special consideration is granted, a record of submission will be made but the student will receive zero marks for the assessment task.

Where a student has been granted an extension and submits late, late penalties will be applied following the due date.

Please see “In class assessment” section for further information on in class assessments.

### **Resubmissions after the Due Date / Time**

Students may resubmit their work up to four days after the due date if for example, they have

submitted the incorrect document, or forgotten to include information. These resubmissions will be treated as late submissions and will be penalised at 20% per 24 hour period or thereof up to 4 days (weekend inclusive). After the 5<sup>th</sup> day record of submission will be made and feedback provided on the new content submitted but the student will receive zero marks for the assessment task.

**In order to resubmit your work you will need to contact your teacher, and ask them to delete your original submission so that you can upload a new one. Teaching staff contact details have been provided in this unit guide.**

### **Retention of Originals**

It is the responsibility of the student to retain a copy of any work submitted. Students must produce these documents upon request. Copies should be retained until the end of the grade appeal period each term.

In the event that a student is asked to produce another copy of work submitted and is unable to do so, they may be awarded zero (0) for that particular assessment task.

Requests for original documentation will be sent to the applicant's student email address within six (6) months of notification by the student. Students must retain all original documentation for the duration of this six (6) month period and must supply original documents to the University within ten (10) working days of such a request being made.

### **In Class Assessment**

Students must bring their Student ID Card to all assessment tasks, including in class assessments and produce this if requested. Students may be refused the opportunity to take an in class assessment task where unable to show their student ID card.

Where an assessment is to be held or submitted a scheduled lesson, students must be ready to submit, present or sit the assessment task at the start of the lesson, however not all assessments may commence at the beginning of the lesson. No additional time or adjustment will be made for late arriving students or students not ready to submit an assessment at the start of the lesson and late penalties may apply.

For example, if a one hour test or quiz is due to take place in a three hour lesson, the test or quiz may start at any time in the first two hours, so students must be ready to take the test at the beginning of the lesson. No additional time will be given to or adjustment made for students who arrive late. While they may still be permitted to take the test, depending on the task, the student will have only the remaining time to complete the task. Similarly, where an assessment task is due in a given lesson, late penalties may apply to a student who submits the task at the end of the lesson, depending on submission instructions for the task.

### **Final Examinations**

The final examination period is from Thursday Week 6 until Monday of Week 7, including the weekend. This means that examinations and assessments may be held/due on the Saturday during the final examination period and students must be available to take exams and submit assessments on this day. For unit specific details please refer to the Assessment section of this unit guide.

The University will publish the [College Final Examination Timetable](#) at least 4 weeks before the commencement of the final examination period and students will be able to access their final examination schedule in Week 3 of the Term.

### **Final Examination Requirements**

Schedule 4 of the Assessment Policy explains what students are responsible for:

- checking the final examination timetable
- knowing the examination location (including seat number allocation) and arriving at allocated examination venue on time.
- knowing the structure and format of the examination
- adhering to the final examination timetable
- ensuring they are available for the full duration of the final examination period and supplementary examination period.

Details of the structure and format of the final examination paper will be made available to students via iLearn prior to the start of the final examination period. This detail will include:

- a copy of the examination coversheet, giving the conditions under which the examination will be held
- information on the types of questions the examination will contain, and
- an indication of the unit content the paper may examine.

Students must follow directions given by the Final Examination Supervisor.

Students will be required to present their Macquarie University Campus Card as photographic proof of identity for the duration of the final examination and may be refused the opportunity to take a final examination where unable to show their student ID card.

Students are not permitted to:

- enter a final examination venue once one hour from the time of commencement (excluding any reading time) has elapsed
- leave a final examination venue before one hour from the time of commencement (excluding any reading time) has elapsed
- leave a final examination venue during the last 15 minutes of the examination
- be readmitted to a final examination venue unless they were under approved supervision during the full period of their absence
- obtain, or attempt to obtain, assistance in undertaking or completing the final examination script
- receive, or attempt to receive, assistance in undertaking or completing the final examination script (Unless an application for reasonable adjustment has been approved)
- communicate in any way with another student once they have entered the final

examination venue

### Missed assessments and examinations

The University recognises that students may experience unexpected events and circumstances that adversely affect their academic performance in assessment activities, for example illness.

In order to support students who have experienced a serious and unavoidable disruption, the University will provide affected students with an additional opportunity to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes of a unit. An additional opportunity provided under such circumstances is referred to as special consideration.

In order to be eligible for special consideration students must submit a Disruption to Studies Notification via [ask.mq.edu.au](https://ask.mq.edu.au) within five (5) working days of the commencement of the disruption and attach appropriate supporting [evidence](#).

Where special consideration is granted the student will be given an additional opportunity to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes of a unit in the form of an alternative or supplementary assessment task or extension.

Please refer to the [Disruptions to Studies](#) section under Policies and Procedures below.

### Supplementary Tests, Supplementary Examinations and Second Attempts at a Hurdle Assessments

Where a student has been granted a supplementary test or examination as a result of a disruption to studies, they will be advised of the time, date and location for the supplementary task.

**Supplementary interim assessments** (i.e. assessments held during the term) will be held throughout the term with sittings typically taking place on these days:

- Week 3: Wednesday AND/OR Friday
- Week 5: Wednesday AND/OR Friday
- Week 6: Thursday

**The supplementary final examination** period (i.e. for formal, end of term examinations) will span from Monday Week 7 until Friday Week 1 of the subsequent teaching term. Students who have lodged a Disruptions to Studies must be available to undertake examinations during the supplementary examination period.

Where a student is eligible for a **second attempt at a hurdle assessment**, this will typically be organised during the supplementary interim/final examination periods unless stipulated otherwise in the assessment section of the unit guide. Students awarded second attempts at hurdles will be notified via email so please ensure you are checking your student email regularly.

For each assessment task affected by a disruption event, there will be a **limit of one extra assessable task or remedy applied**. If a further event affects the student's ability to partake in this assessment activity (i.e. a student cannot undertake the additional or supplementary



assessment task as scheduled) the student will need to proceed with the grading of the original attempt or submit a further Disruption notification which would be assessed for a Withdrawal without Academic Penalty outcome.

Results for supplementary final examinations may not be available for up to two weeks following the supplementary examination. Students in their final term of study who undertake supplementary final exams and students who apply for special consideration for a unit which is a prerequisite to another unit in their program should note that formal completion of their Program will not be possible until supplementary results are released and this may impact on their ability to enrol in subsequent programs of study on time.

### **Accessing your Results**

Students will be able to view their results for internal assessments via the Grades section in [iLearn](#).

Grades (e.g. HD, D, CR, P, F) for all assessment tasks will be released to students once marking has concluded. Marks for individual assessments may be released as well.

Final results for the unit will be released at 00:01 on Friday of Week 7. Students will be able to view their final result for the unit via [eStudent](#).

### **Calculating your GPA**

A Grade Point Average (GPA) is a calculation that reflects the overall grades of a student in a coursework program. Please refer to the [GPA Calculator](#).

### **Obtaining Feedback**

Teaching staff will provide students with feedback about their academic progress and performance in assessment tasks or a unit of study. Where relevant, other staff such as Senior Teachers, Program Managers and members of the Student Administration and Services Team will provide feedback and advice to students about their performance in a program of study. Feedback may be provided to individual students, a group of students or a whole class and it may be written or verbal in nature.

Some examples of feedback include:

- Teaching staff member reviewing a draft submission and giving a student advice on how to improve their work before making a final submission
- Teaching staff member telling a class that they need to improve their editing of grammar in their recently submitted assignment.
- Teaching staff member discussing progress of an individual student before census date to allow the student to decide whether they should remain enrolled in the unit.
- Online feedback via announcements or forums, an online marking rubric or various iLearn activities employed in a unit. Please note that feedback on written assessments is usually provided via Feedback Studio in iLearn.
- Written marks and comments on a marking sheet or essay.

Recorded voice comment provided in response to an essay submitted online.

- A student receiving advice that they should consider withdrawing from a unit because they have missed too many classes / too much work to be able to catch up or for other reasons.

It is a student's responsibility to:

- Attend sessions, be present and actively engaged during times when feedback is provided in scheduled class times.
- If absent from an in-class feedback session due to unavoidable circumstances, organise an alternative time with the teacher so that they can receive their feedback
- Ensure that they have received sufficient feedback prior to their next assessment task and/or final assessment in the unit
- Act promptly on feedback provided (e.g. incorporate advice provided into their work and study habits).

If you are unsure how or when feedback has been or will be provided, or you feel that feedback provided is not sufficient, you must approach relevant teaching or administrative staff and request additional feedback in a timely manner during the term and prior to any subsequent assessment task or the final assessment task for the unit. Claims that not enough feedback has been provided are not grounds for a grade appeal, especially where a student has not made any effort to approach staff about obtaining additional feedback in a timely manner. Students may seek general feedback about performance in a unit up to 6 months following results release.

If you have any problems contacting your teacher you must seek help from administrative staff at the E3A Level 2 Reception.

### **Contacting Teaching Staff Obtaining Help**

Students may contact teaching staff at any time during the term by using the contact details provided in this guide. Students should expect a response within 1-2 business days. Teaching staff are unable to accept assessment submissions via email, all assessments must be submitted as outlined in the unit guide.

For all university related correspondence, students must use their official Macquarie University student email account which may be accessed via the [Macquarie University Student Portal](#). Inquiries from personal email accounts will not be attended to.

### **Academic Honesty**

Using the work or ideas of another person, whether intentionally or not, and presenting them as your own without clear acknowledgement of the source is called [Plagiarism](#).

Macquarie University promotes awareness of information ethics through its [Academic Honesty Policy](#). This means that:

- all academic work claimed as original must be the work of the person making the claim

- all academic collaborations of any kind must be acknowledged
- academic work must not be falsified in any way
- when the ideas of others are used, these ideas must be acknowledged appropriately.

All breaches of the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) are serious and penalties apply. Students should be aware that they may fail an assessment task, a unit or even be excluded from the University for breaching the Academic Honesty Policy.

### **Examples of Academic Dishonesty**

Examples of some dishonest behaviours include deception, fabrication, obstruction, plagiarism and sabotage.

Deception includes:

- falsely claiming to have contributed to a group task or presenting collaborative work as one's own without acknowledging others' contributions
- falsely claiming to have submitted an assignment when this was not the case
- collusion (work together with someone else in a deceitful way to develop a submission for an assessment which has been restricted to individual effort)
- submission of a work previously submitted for another unit or another assessment, even if this is the student's own work
- creating a new article out of an existing article by rewriting/reusing it,
- cheating in an examination or asking someone else to complete an assessment or examination in one's place.

Plagiarism involves using the work or ideas of another person, whether intentionally or not, and presenting this as your own without clear acknowledgement of the source of the work or ideas. This includes, any of the following:

- copying part(s) of any document or audio-visual material or computer code or website content without indicating their origins
- using or extracting another person's concepts, experimental results, or conclusions
- summarising or paraphrasing another person's work
- submitting substantially the same final version of any material as another student in an assignment where there was collaborative preparatory work
- use of others (paid or otherwise) to conceive, research or write material submitted for assessment (eg ghost writing)
- submitting the same or substantially the same piece of work for two different tasks or in different units (self-plagiarism).

Sabotage includes, but is not limited to, theft of work, destruction of library materials.

Fabrication involves creating false data, citation(s), or reports.

Obstruction involves intentionally impeding or interfering with another student's academic work

The University may commence applicable disciplinary procedures if a person who breaches the Academic Honesty Policy.

### **Turnitin**

To uphold principles of Academic Honesty, Macquarie University employs online anti-plagiarism Software called [Turnitin](#). Turnitin compares electronically submitted papers to a database of academic publications, internet sources and other student papers that have been submitted to the system to identify matching text. It then produces an Originality Report which identifies text taken from other sources, and generates a similarity percentage.

All text based assessments must be submitted through Turnitin as per instructions provided in the unit guide. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that work is submitted correctly prior to the due date. This includes verifying that correct files have been submitted as no special consideration will be given to students who have uploaded incorrect documents. No hard copies of assessments will be accepted and only Turnitin records will be taken as records of submission.

Multiple submissions may be possible via Turnitin prior to the final due date and time of an assessment task and originality reports may be made available to students to view and check their levels of similarity prior to making a final submission. Students are encouraged to use these reports to ensure that they do not breach they Academic Honesty Policy through high levels of similarity (plagiarism).

Students should note that the report on the initial submission will be immediate but on a second or subsequent submission it will take at least 24-36 hours for the similarity report to be generated. This may be after the due date so students should plan any resubmissions carefully. If you have not planned your submission time carefully and note high levels of similarity in your work after the due date, you can still resubmit your work, however a late penalty (20% per day) will apply. For instructions on how to resubmit your work please see "Resubmissions after the due date" section in this unit guide.

Teaching staff will use the report to judge whether plagiarism has occurred and whether penalties should apply for breaches of the Academic Honesty Policy. Any similar text identified by Turnitin will be considered carefully to see if it is indeed a breach of the Academic Honesty Policy.

There is no set percentage which indicates whether plagiarism has occurred; all identified matching text should be reconsidered carefully. If plagiarism has occurred or is suspected and resubmission is possible prior to the due date, students are advised to edit their work before making a final submission. Help may be sought from teaching staff. Students may also access [re search resources](#) provided by the library or [Learning Skills](#).

Please refer to these instructions on [how to submit your assignment through Turnitin](#) and access similarity reports and feedback provided by teaching staff.

Should you have questions about Turnitin or experience issues submitting through the system, you must inform your teacher immediately. If the issue is technical in nature may also lodge a [On](#)

[eHelp Ticket](#), refer to the [IT help page](#).

### Submission of Drafts through Turnitin.

In some instances students may be required to submit drafts of written work via Turnitin **prior to the due date of the assessment** task so that they can receive feedback prior to making a final submission. If the student does not make a final submission prior to the due date, their draft will be counted as the final submission or late penalties applied.

## Assessment Tasks

| Name                                      | Weighting | Hurdle | Due                      |
|---|-----------|--------|--------------------------|
| <a href="#">Proficiency Test</a>          | 0%        | No     | Week 1, Lesson 3         |
| <a href="#">Integrative Summary draft</a> | 5%        | No     | Week 2 Lesson 1          |
| <a href="#">Integrative Summary</a>       | 20%       | No     | Week 2 Friday 4 p.m.     |
| <a href="#">Online Quizzes</a>            | 35%       | No     | Friday 9 p.m. every week |
| <a href="#">Persuasive Essay draft</a>    | 5%        | No     | Week 5 Lesson 1 & Wk 6   |
| <a href="#">Persuasive Essay</a>          | 25%       | No     | Week 5 Friday 4 p.m.     |
| <a href="#">News Page</a>                 | 10%       | No     | Week 6 Friday 4 p.m.     |

### Proficiency Test

Due: **Week 1, Lesson 3**

Weighting: **0%**

Students will be required to complete a short written response on a given topic in class. Details of the assessment task will be provided in the third lesson of week 1. This task will be used to identify student development needs and provide students with feedback on how to improve their language and academic skills. The results of the diagnostic test will not count towards the final mark for the unit. However, students should note that implementing feedback and strategies suggested by the teacher following the diagnostic test could assist them to achieve better results in the unit.

This is an individual assessment task.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.
- Apply reasoning to support a position or argument.

- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.
- Plan and produce texts to reflect academic and disciplinary standards.
- Use discipline specific terminology to communicate concepts and ideas relevant to this unit.

## Integrative Summary draft

Due: **Week 2 Lesson 1**

Weighting: **5%**

Students will be expected to bring a **hard copy** of the draft of their Integrative Summary to be reviewed by the teacher and peers. Students should aim to produce a 200 word document.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.
- Apply reasoning to support a position or argument.
- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
- Apply academic referencing conventions accurately and appropriately.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.
- Plan and produce texts to reflect academic and disciplinary standards.
- Engage in independent and collaborative learning activities.
- Use discipline specific terminology to communicate concepts and ideas relevant to this unit.

## Integrative Summary

Due: **Week 2 Friday 4 p.m.**

Weighting: **20%**

The *Integrative Summary* will describe and discuss two sources relevant to an assigned social issue. It will summarise and integrate the salient arguments and supporting evidence to present the key knowledge relevant to the issue. Such knowledge may include descriptions, statistics, perspectives (e.g. opposing theories for approaching the issue), related programs (and their impact) and general discussion of the core issue.

Students are required to reference two (2) sources and demonstrate the ability to synthesise information and varying perspectives on a certain aspect of the social inclusion issue assigned.

Students will be required to submit a draft of their Integrative Summary into Turnitin to check that they are not committing plagiarism. This must be done at least 24 hs. before the due date. They will need to address any similarity issues reported by Turnitin and write a Reflection about the steps they have taken to overcome those issues. The final formal submission will be due at 9 pm on Friday of Week 2 via Turnitin.

The final draft submission will be due at 4 p.m. on Friday of Week 2 via Turnitin. This final draft should include both the Integrative Summary text followed by the Reflection. No hard copies will be accepted or marked. This is an individual assessment task.

Late submissions will be penalized by 20% per day. Please refer to late submissions section in the unit guide.

Feedback will be provided via Grademark in Turnitin.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.

## Online Quizzes

Due: **Friday 9 p.m. every week**

Weighting: **35%**

There are 5 online quizzes that need to be completed on a weekly basis throughout the term starting in week 2. The quizzes are as follows:

3 *Grammar* quizzes will assess students' understanding of the basic grammatical resources required to present ideas as clauses and to connect them logically to one another in order to construct cohesive and coherent texts. The assessment will require students to analyse a series of clauses, breaking them down into their functional constituents.

1 *Reading* quiz and 1 *Writing* quiz. These two quizzes aim to test students' understanding of and engagement with the concepts of the unit. These are individual assessment tasks.

Students may only attempt the quizzes once and their first attempt will be registered. Students will complete the quiz in their own time outside class hours and may refer to materials whilst completing them. Please note that once students start their attempt, they will have one (1) hour to complete it. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have access to a stable internet connection whilst completing the quizzes as internet connection problems are no grounds for special consideration. For these reasons, students are advised to complete quizzes on Campus.

The quizzes will open at 9 a.m on Monday on the week in which they are due for completion and will remain open until Friday at 9 p.m.. No late attempts will be possible, except in cases where a Disruptions to studies Notification has been lodged and approved.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.
- Apply reasoning to support a position or argument.
- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
- Apply academic referencing conventions accurately and appropriately.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.
- Plan and produce texts to reflect academic and disciplinary standards.
- Engage in independent and collaborative learning activities.
- Use discipline specific terminology to communicate concepts and ideas relevant to this unit.

## Persuasive Essay draft

Due: **Week 5 Lesson 1 & Wk 6**

Weighting: **5%**

Students will be expected to bring a **hard copy** of the draft of their Persuasive Essay to be reviewed by the teacher and peers. They should aim to produce a minimum of 500 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.
- Apply reasoning to support a position or argument.
- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
- Apply academic referencing conventions accurately and appropriately.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.
- Plan and produce texts to reflect academic and disciplinary standards.
- Engage in independent and collaborative learning activities.
- Use discipline specific terminology to communicate concepts and ideas relevant to this



unit.

## Persuasive Essay

Due: **Week 5 Friday 4 p.m.**

Weighting: **25%**

The Persuasive Essay will identify a recommendation in response to the social issue discussed in the integrative summary and develop a thesis to argue for this recommendation. The essay should outline the key arguments that support a central thesis, referencing relevant evidence to back each argument before reiterating and reinforcing the thesis through a conclusion that flows from salient arguments. Students are required to reference at least five (5) sources and demonstrate the ability to synthesise information and views from a variety of perspectives to produce a coherent, well-supported recommendation.

Students must submit a draft of the Persuasive Essay via Turnitin in Week 5 Lesson 1 so that they can check the similarity report and check that they are not committing plagiarism. They will need to address any similarity issues reported by Turnitin and write a Reflection about the steps they have taken to overcome those issues. Only students with a similarity higher than 8 % will need to write the Reflection. If the student's work has a similarity rating higher than 8%, the work will be closely examined and, if plagiarism is detected the penalty identified in the marking rubric will be applied.

The final formal submission will be due at 4 p.m. on Friday of Week 5 via Turnitin. This is an individual assessment task.

Late submissions will be penalised by 20% per day. Please refer to late submissions section. No hard copies will be accepted or marked.

Feedback will be provided via Grademark.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.
- Apply reasoning to support a position or argument.
- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
- Apply academic referencing conventions accurately and appropriately.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.
- Plan and produce texts to reflect academic and disciplinary standards.
- Use discipline specific terminology to communicate concepts and ideas relevant to this unit.

## News Page

Due: **Week 6 Friday 4 p.m.**

Weighting: **10%**

The *News Page* assessment will require students to rewrite some aspects of the research issue that were written up in the essay into a News Page for a public audience. The News Page, while still formal and making reference to the literature, will use more reporting style language than the essay (which was written for an academic audience).

Students must submit their draft News Page via Turnitin in Week 6 Lesson 1 so that they can receive feedback from the teaching staff and their peers. The final formal submission will be due at 4 pm on Friday of Week 6 via Turnitin. No hard copies will be accepted or marked. This is an individual assessment task.

If the student's work has a similarity rating higher than 8%, the work will be closely examined and, if plagiarism is detected the penalty identified in the marking rubric will be applied. Students who are found to have committed plagiarism in the News Page will be reported to the Governance team.

Late submissions will be penalised by 20% per day. Please refer to late submissions section.

Feedback will be provided via Grademark.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.
- Apply reasoning to support a position or argument.
- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
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- Plan and produce texts to reflect academic and disciplinary standards.
- Use discipline specific terminology to communicate concepts and ideas relevant to this unit.

## Delivery and Resources

### Term Dates & College Calendar

Details of key dates during the term can be found on the [Important Dates](#) calendar.

### Enrolment and Timetables

General timetable information is available via Macquarie University's [Timetable page](#).

Students will be able to enrol in units and register for classes via [eStudent](#) and also view their personal timetable. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that classes they have registered for do not clash.

Students are only permitted to attend classes in which they have registered via eStudent, unless they have written approval from the Students Services and Administration Manager. To seek approval, students must email [muic@mq.edu.au](mailto:muic@mq.edu.au) or speak to a member of the Student Services and Administration Team at E3A Level 2 Reception. Approval will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

The last day to enrol in units is Tuesday of Week 1. Swapping groups is not possible after the enrolment period has concluded. The last day to enrol and register into classes is Tuesday of Week 1 and this must be finalised by the student in [eStudent](#) by the end of the day.

### **Guest Lecturer Presentations and Workshops**

One or two Guest Lecturer Presentations and/or workshops may be scheduled during the term. These sessions will take place outside of regular class time, usually in a lecture theatre on campus. In the session a speaker (usually an expert or well-known academic in the field) will give a presentation on a particular topic related to the unit or field.

While attendance at guest lectures is not compulsory, and content covered is not examinable unless covered in regular classes, students are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions as they will:

- help them to engage with and broaden their understanding of the discipline
- contextualise content covered in class by providing insights into recent research and workplace developments in the field
- provide opportunities for networking
- provide experience of what lectures are like

Specific details including time and venue for Guest Lecturer Presentations and workshops will be posted in iLearn announcements and provided in class.

Recordings of these sessions may also be made available to students via iLearn.

### **Attendance Requirements – All Students**

All students are expected to attend 100% of scheduled class time.

Attendance will be monitored in each lesson & students will be able to see their current attendance percentage to date and potential attendance percentage for each unit they have enrolled in via [iLearn](#).

- **Current attendance Percentage** will reflect the percentage of classes a student has attended so far (based only on the lessons held to date).
- **Potential Attendance Percentage** will reflect the percentage of classes a student can potentially attend by the end of the term, taking into consideration lessons attended and assuming the student also attends all future lessons scheduled (based only on the total

number of lessons in the Term).

Where a student is present for a part of a lesson (for example arrives late, leaves early, leaves the class frequently, particularly for lengthy periods) the teacher reserves the right to mark a student absent for that part of the lesson.

In cases of unavoidable non-attendance due to illness or circumstances beyond their control, students should lodge a [Disruption to Studies](#) Notification via [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) within 5 working days and supply relevant supporting documentation, even if they have not missed a formal assessment task. This will ensure that that appropriate records of unavoidable absences can be kept.

### **Public Holidays and Make-up Lessons**

If any scheduled class falls on a public holiday a make-up lesson may be scheduled on an alternate day, usually on a Saturday or a weekday at a time when students do not have other classes scheduled.

**In Term 7 there are no scheduled public holidays.**

### **Technology Used and Required**

- Access to internet (Available on Campus using Macquarie [OneNet](#) and in designated E3A Self-Access Computer Laboratories)
- [iLab](#) - iLab is Macquarie University's personal computer laboratory on the Internet, enabling students to use the Microsoft Windows applications they require to do their university work from anywhere, anytime, on anything.
- Access to [iLearn](#) Access to Macquarie University [Library catalogue \(MultiSearch\)](#)
- Access to Microsoft Office Suite (available in E3A Self-Access Computer Laboratories and via [iLab](#))software downloads page for full instructions.

### **Bringing your own Device (BYOD)**

Macquarie University is BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) friendly and it encourages students to bring their Windows or Mac devices to use on campus and during classes.

In some classes in this unit, you will need to have access to a mobile device, Office applications (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) and an Internet Browser of your choice. If you do not have your own device and computer access is required in a particular lesson, you may be able to borrow a laptop to use for the duration of the lesson.

As a Macquarie University student, you are entitled to free access to Microsoft Office Suite, which you can download for use on your device. Please visit the University's [software downloads page](#) for full instructions.

If you do bring your own device, you will need to ensure that it is sufficiently charged as access to power points will not be available in the classrooms.

### **iLearn**

[iLearn](#) is Macquarie's online learning management system and a principal teaching and learning resource which will be used throughout the term. Students must access iLearn at least 3 times per week to access important information including:

- Announcements and News Forums - Teaching staff will communicate to the class using iLearn announcements. Announcements may also be emailed to students' Macquarie University email address but students should check the News Forum regularly.
- Attendance – current and potential attendance percentage for the Term.
- Unit Guide and staff contact details
- Set unit readings available through [MultiSearch](#) (library).
- Lesson materials and recordings where available
- Learning and teaching activities and resources, questions and solutions
- Assessment instructions, questions, marking criteria and sample tasks
- Assessment submission links such as Turnitin
- Links to support materials and services available at the University
- Evaluation Surveys for the unit

For any resource related iLearn questions contact your teacher. For any technical or support issues using iLearn, please contact the IT helpdesk (Ph. 02 9850 4357) or lodge a ticket using [OneHelp](#).

### **Useful Study Resources**

[StudyWise](#) is an iLearn resource created by Learning Skills, which is specifically designed to help you to manage your studies, strengthen your study techniques, write effective assignments and improve your English language proficiency. Once you enrol in StudyWISE, you can access it from your iLearn course list under the category "Student Support".

[InfoWise](#) will help you improve your research skills by teaching you how to use MultiSearch, decode citations, identifying key search terms and use advanced search techniques.

[Lib Guides](#) provide students with links to electronic sources and websites that are good starting points for research in different fields or disciplines.

[MultiSearch](#) will connect you to Macquarie University Library and allow you to search library resources, databases, unit readings and past exam papers

[Academic Language and Learning Workshops](#) are designed to help you with Study Skills, Assignment Writing, Referencing and Academic Language.

[Research resources](#) provide information about:

- [Researching for your assignments](#)
- How to [manage your references](#)
- [Referencing style guides](#)
- [Subject and research guides](#)

**Numeracy Support** is provided by the **Numeracy Centre**. Students who can attend these support classes on a drop in basis as required.

**Your Tutor** is a one-to-one personal study support service which may be made available via Week 0 in your iLearn unit. If available, you may use this service to get online study help and/or feedback on your assignment within 24 hours. If you are unsure whether this service is available in your unit or how to use this service, please check with your teacher.

## Unit Schedule

| Week | TOPIC   | Required reading   | Associated Tasks   | Assessment Task   |
|------|---|--|--|---|
| 1    | <p><b>Introduction to course:</b> unit guide and assessments</p> <p>Academic Arguments</p> <p>Critical Thinking</p> <p>Academic Reading</p> <p>Reliability Tests</p> <p>Choose/Assign Topics</p> <p>Students Choose a Source</p> <p>Note-taking</p> <p>Annotations &amp; Summaries</p> <p>Integrative Summary Overview</p> <p>Avoiding Plagiarism &amp; Referencing</p> | <p>Brick, Herke and Wong (2016) Chapters 1, 4 and 5</p><br><p>Brick, Herke and Wong (2016) Chapters 6, 7 and 8 .</p> | <p>Assign topics</p> <p>Using the 4S system</p> <p>Critical notetaking</p><br><p>Writing APA style citations</p> | <p><b>ProficiencyTest in Lesson 3</b></p> <p><b>Complete the academic integrity module.</b></p> |

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| 2             | <p>Paraphrasing &amp; Summarising</p> <p>Sentence Structure</p> <p>Paragraph Structure</p> <p>Nominalisation</p> <p>Academic Integrity</p> <p>Topic Sentences</p> <p>Transitions</p> <p>Incorporating Evidence</p> <p>Synthesising Sources</p> <p>Reporting Verbs</p> <p>Integrative Summary Breakdown</p> <p>Academic Writing Conventions</p> <p>Integrated summary soft submission - writing workshop with peer and tutor review</p> <p>- Pre-census Feedback</p> | <p>Brick, Herke and Wong (2016)</p> <p>Chapters 9, 11 and 13</p> | <p>More referencing and citation practice</p> <p>Identifying verbs</p> <p>Identifying dependent clauses</p> <p>Evaluating and integrating evidence</p> <p>Understanding similarity reports</p> | <p><b>Integrative Summary Draft due Lesson 1</b></p> <p><b>Integrative Summary due Friday, 4 pm</b></p> <p><b>Online Grammar quiz due Friday, 9 pm</b></p> |
| For next week | <p>Read second piece of material provided for your topic</p> <p>Continue grammar quizzes</p>  |  |  |  |
| 3             | <p><b>Expressing voice</b></p> <p>Your voice vs the voice of others</p> <p>Writing data commentaries</p> <p>Grammar focus on sentence structure.</p> <p><b>Grammar to empower</b></p> <p>Run on sentences and fragments</p> <p>Participants, processes and constituency</p> <p>Nominal groups</p> <p>Research skills including searching databases</p> <p>Practice writing data commentaries</p> <p>Grammar workshop/continue with quizzes in class</p>             | <p>Brick, Herke and Wong (2016)</p> <p>Chapter 12</p>            | <p>Review identifying verbs.</p> <p>Produce dependent and independent clauses.</p> <p>Review constituency</p> <p>Practice spotting run on sentences and fragments.</p>                         | <p><b>Online Reading Quiz due Friday, 9 pm</b></p>   |
|               | <p>For next week, research and summarise two more academic sources for your topic</p>   |  |  |  |

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| 4             | <p><b>Writing essays</b></p> <p>Purpose and audience of essays</p> <p>Essay Structure</p> <p>Deconstructing model essay</p> <p>Writing effective introductions</p> <p>Topic sentences</p> <p>Thematic progression</p> <p><b>Developing an effective argument</b></p> <p>Paragraph structure</p> <p>Theme choices</p> <p>Thematic progression</p> <p>Linking strategies (transitions)</p> <p>Persuasive Essay – writing workshop</p>   | <p>Brick, Herke and Wong (2016)</p> <p>Chapters 17 and 18</p> | <p>Examining thesis statements</p> <p>Developing effective paragraphs</p> <p>Writing clear sentences</p> <p>Structuring effective introductions and body paragraphs.</p> <p>Writing for clarity</p>                   | <p><b>Online Grammar quiz due Friday, 9 pm</b></p>   |
| For next week | <p>Continue working on your persuasive essay.</p> <p>Research and summarise the fifth article for your topic</p>  |   |   |  |
| 5             | <p><b>Developing authoritative voice</b></p> <p>Developing a cohesive and coherent argument</p> <p>Exploring nominal groups and 'academic' type verb groups.</p> <p>Review synthesising information</p> <p><b>Expressing judgement</b></p> <p>Hedging and its uses</p> <p>Expressing attitudes</p> <p>Expressing identity and using pronouns</p> <p>Objective voice</p> <p>Differences between essays and reports</p> <p>Persuasive essay. Soft submission. Peer and tutor feedback</p> | <p>Brick, Herke and Wong (2016)</p> <p>Chapters 12 and 15</p> | <p>Identifying nominal groups in academic texts</p> <p>Identifying features creating a coherent argument and essay</p> <p>Review paragraph structure</p> <p>Identifying hedging, judgement and author's identity.</p> | <p><b>Persuasive Essay Draft due Lesson 1</b></p> <p><b>Persuasive Essay due Friday, 4 pm</b></p> <p><b>Online Grammar quiz due Friday, 9 pm</b></p> |
|               | <p>For next week pick two sources you will use in your newpage and reread them.</p>   |   |   |  |



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| 6 | <p><b>Writing for a popular audience</b></p> <p>Importance of audience to writing style</p> <p>Purpose and audience of news report pages</p> <p>Structure and language of news report pages</p> <p>Deconstruction of a news report</p> <p><b>Academic presentations and unit summary</b></p> <p>Speaking vs writing</p> <p>Effective academic speaking.</p> <p>Review sentence structure</p> <p>Academic voice</p> | <p>Brick, Herke and Wong (2016)</p> <p>Chapter 14</p> | <p>Review of evidence integration within a news report.</p> <p>Identify discourse markers in news articles</p> <p>Identify large nominal groups</p> <p>Draft a single presentation slide for individual topic in newspaper style.</p> | <p><b>News Page</b></p> <p><b>Due Friday 4 pm</b></p> <p><b>Online Writing quiz</b></p> <p><b>due Friday, 9 pm</b></p> <p>LEU Surveys - paper based and use of student rep</p> |
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## Learning and Teaching Activities

### Lessons

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### Active Participation

Students will be required to not only attend but also actively participate in lessons. Active participation entails:

- active engagement in class activities
- contribution to class discussions by asking and answering questions
- coming to class prepared and having completed required pre-readings and activities
- completion of set class and homework activities
- collaboration with other students
- adhering to Macquarie University Student Codes of Conduct

## 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\\_2016.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.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](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy (in effect until Dec 4th, 2017): [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\\_studies/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html)

Special Consideration Policy (in effect from Dec 4th, 2017): <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration>

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](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

## Academic Honesty

Using the work or ideas of another person, whether intentionally or not, and presenting them as your own without clear acknowledgement of the source is called [Plagiarism](#).

Macquarie University promotes awareness of information ethics through its [Academic Honesty Policy](#). This means that:

- all academic work claimed as original must be the work of the person making the claim
- all academic collaborations of any kind must be acknowledged
- academic work must not be falsified in any way
- when the ideas of others are used, these ideas must be acknowledged appropriately.

All breaches of the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) are serious and penalties apply. Students should be aware that they may fail an assessment task, a unit or even be excluded from the University for breaching the Academic Honesty Policy.

## Assessment Policy

Students should familiarise themselves with their responsibilities under the [Assessment Policy](#), and notably [Schedule 4](#) (Final Examination Requirements).

## Disruptions to studies

The [Disruption to Studies Policy](#) applies only to *serious and unavoidable* disruptions that arise after a study period has commenced. Students with a pre-existing disability/health condition or prolonged adverse circumstances may be eligible for ongoing assistance and support. Such support may be sought through [Campus Wellbeing](#) and [Support Services](#).

To be eligible for Special Consideration, a student must notify the University of a *serious and unavoidable* disruption within five (5) working days of the commencement of the disruption

(Disruption to Studies notification). All Disruption to Studies notifications are to be made online via the University's [Ask MQ](#) system. A Disruption to Studies notification must be supported by documentary [evidence](#).

Students should note that in cases of medical disruptions they must see a professional authority as outlined in the [Disruptions to Studies Supporting Evidence Schedule](#) and present a [Professional Authority Form](#). The PAF is the preferred form of evidence for medical/psychological /mental health disruptions. However, health documents that clearly indicate the duration and specific nature of impact on studies will also be considered as evidence. Overseas students may use their OSHC insurance for the purpose of seeing a registered healthcare professional.

In submitting a [Disruption to Studies Notification](#), a student is acknowledging that they may be required to undertake additional work. The time and date, deadline or format of any required extra assessable work as a result of a disruption to studies notification is not negotiable and in submitting a disruption to studies notification, a student is agreeing to make themselves available to complete any extra work as required. This means that as a result of special consideration being awarded, a student may be required to complete a different type of assessment for example an exam instead of a presentation or vice versa.

Macquarie University operates under a 'Fit to Sit' model. This means that in sitting an exam and/or in-class test or otherwise submitting an assessment, a student declares themselves fit to do so. Therefore, if a student is feeling unfit to sit the exam or test, or otherwise submit the assessment (as the case may be), they should not do so. If a student sits an exam or test, or otherwise submits an assessment, knowing that they are unfit to do so, they will not be granted Special Consideration.

It is the responsibility of the student to determine whether they are fit to sit an examination or test or otherwise submit an assessment, or whether a Disruption to Studies claim should be submitted for non-participation.

The student will retain all original documentation submitted regarding the disruption, and must understand that this may be requested by the University at any time. In this event, students will be provided 10 business days to submit the original documentation.

Please refer to the [Disruption to Studies Policy](#) for further details.

### **Final Examination Script Viewings**

A student may request to view their final examination script once results have been released but scripts remain the property of Macquarie University.

Students should view their final examination paper prior to submitting a grade appeal, if this is relevant to their case. The viewing will be conducted in a secure location under supervision.

To request a final examination script viewing, please email: [muic@mq.edu.au](mailto:muic@mq.edu.au) and write 'script viewing' in the subject heading.

Scripts may be reviewed for up to 6 months following the results release date for the relevant Term.

### **Grade Appeals**

A student who has been awarded a final grade for a unit has the right to appeal that grade as outlined in the [Grade Appeal Policy](#). Grade appeals apply to the final mark and grade a student receives for a unit of study. They do not apply to results received for individual assessment tasks.

Grade appeals must be submitted via [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) within 20 working days from the published result date for the relevant unit. Before submitting a Grade Appeal, please ensure that you read the [Grade Appeal Policy](#) and note valid grounds for appeals.

Students are expected to seek feedback on individual assessment tasks prior to the award of a final grade. Students also have the right to request generic feedback from the teaching staff on their overall performance in the unit, including in a final examination. This can be done at any time in the six month period starting from the day on which the final grade of the relevant unit is published.

### **Course Progression**

The College closely monitors students' academic progress as per the [Progression Policy](#) for Programs delivered by Macquarie University International College.

To maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress, a student must successfully complete (pass) 50% or more of their enrolled units in a Term of study. To successfully complete a unit, students must obtain a passing grade and meet any other requirements to pass listed in the unit guide.

Students who fail to make Satisfactory Academic Progress will be classified as "at risk" and will be notified in writing. At-risk students may be required to undergo academic counselling, undertake certain initiatives or have conditions placed upon their enrolment to help them make satisfactory progress.

Students must also pass 50% or more of the units in 2 or more terms in order to meet Minimum Rate of Progress (MRP) requirements. A student is deemed not to be making Minimum Rate of Progress if they fail more than 50% of their enrolled units in two consecutive Terms of study, or if they have failed more than 50% of their units after studying two or more terms.

Any domestic student who has been identified as not meeting Minimum Rate of Progress requirements will be issued with an Intention to Exclude letter and may subsequently be excluded from the program.

Any international student who has been identified as not meeting MRP will be subject to exclusion from the program and be issued with an Intention to Report letter and may subsequently be reported to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) for not meeting visa requirements. International students must comply with the [Progression Policy](#) of the College in order to meet the conditions of their visa.

## 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://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](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 outcomes

- Express ideas clearly in written and oral texts for academic and professional purposes through the use of appropriate language, grammar and text structure.
- Apply reasoning to support a position or argument.
- Plan and produce texts to reflect academic and disciplinary standards.
- Engage in independent and collaborative learning activities.

## Assessment tasks

- Proficiency Test
- Integrative Summary draft
- Integrative Summary
- Persuasive Essay draft
- Persuasive Essay
- News Page

## Learning and teaching activities

- Students will be required to not only attend but also actively participate in lessons. Active participation entails:
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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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

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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 outcomes

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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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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.

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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.

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## **Changes from Previous Offering**

Course contact hours changed from 54 to 48 overall. The collaborative sheets are not used in this delivery. A focus on Turnitin and plagiarism is included in all assessment tasks and penalties are included in the rubrics used for marking.

The proficiency test does not include a reading comprehension session as having a sample of students' writing is of paramount importance and students were spending most of the time allocated to the test on the reading section resulting in a very short sample of their writing.

## **Course Contact Hours**

Weekly face-to-face contact for this unit will be 8 hours (48 hours per term). There will be 4 lessons per week consisting of 2 hour lessons each.

## **Unit Specific Texts and Materials**

The following texts have been prescribed for this unit.

**Prescribed Texts:**

Brick, J., Herke, M. & Wong, D. (2016). *Academic Culture: A student's guide to studying at university*. (3rd ed). South Yarra, Vic: Palgrave Macmillan.

Texts will be available for purchase from the [Co-Op Bookshop](#) located in the C7A MUSE Building - 18 Wally's Walk, Phone: 8986 4000.

**Recommended Texts:**

Butt, D., Fahey, R., Feez, S., & Spinks S. 2012, *Using Functional Grammar: an Explorer's Guide*, Palgrave Macmillan, (third edition).

iGE Grammar App for iPhone, iPad and Android (Available from the App store).

Collins COBUILD English Grammar HarperCollins, 2011.

Additional reading materials may be provided to the students throughout the semester. This will be provided in hard copy or placed on iLearn.

All students should ensure that they have access to the prescribed text(s) from the start of the Term as failure to do so could jeopardise their academic progress in this unit.

Other editions or formats of the above resource(s) may be acceptable, but students must consult teaching staff prior to purchasing these.