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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Admission to MIndigenousEd or GradDipIndigenousEd or GradCertIndigenousEd

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit offers students a range of skills that will equip them as effective educators across a range of social and cultural divides. The unit is interested in what constitutes 'good pedagogy' in a general sense, and how effective teaching and learning can be applied specifically to Indigenous teaching and learning contexts. The unit will provide students with the critical skills necessary to question and evaluate a range of considerations pertaining to critical pedagogy, and it will encourage prospective teachers to re think some of their pre-conceived ideas about the relationship between teachers and learners. It will also equip future teachers of Indigenous students with a skill-set appropriate to cultural competencies and pedagogical expectations.

## 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 how to apply effective teaching and learning practices to Indigenous students/cohorts.

Understand the theoretical origins and practical application of critical pedagogy and Indigenous critical pedagogy

Think critically about the roles of teachers and learners.

Demonstrated high level of written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.

Demonstrated high level of competency in the ability to research independently, think critically and evaluate and apply course content.

Confidently use online communication forums and engage in informed interactive learning

## General Assessment Information

All work is to be submitted via the Turnitin function inside the ilearn site. Information about how to submit work online can be accessed through the ilearn unit.

### Late Submission Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

### Protocols for Indigenous Studies

In Australia, there are two distinct Indigenous peoples: Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

When writing about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people do not use the acronym 'ATSI', write in full. A capital 'A' should always be used when referring to Aboriginal peoples. 'Aboriginal peoples' with a capital 'A' refers to the many hundreds of different groups in Australia. While it is an acceptable term to use, it should be recognised that it is a collective term and often used improperly to impose a single identity on the many different communities.

Aboriginal people generally prefer to be called by the language/cultural groups or communities, to which they belong, that is, own names rather than terms such as 'Aborigines' or the 'Aboriginals'. For example, Aboriginal peoples in the Sydney region may refer to themselves as Dharug. It is important that you always check with the local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and community as to the correct name or terms to use for people in the area/region.

The use of incorrect, inappropriate or dated terminology is to be avoided as it can give offence. Many historical terms or those in common usage some years ago are not now acceptable, including terms such as 'native', 'savage' and 'primitive'. Similarly, do not use the terms 'halfcaste', 'part-Aborigine/Aboriginal' or any reference to skin colour or physical features, as they do not signify that a person is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and may cause offence. When quoting from academic or other sources that uses inappropriate, dated terminology or

racists language, use (sic) directly after the inappropriate term or phrase, thus calling attention to the fact that it has been sourced from the original and that you understand it to be outdated, inappropriate or problematic in the contemporary context.

## Referencing

Referencing is an essential component of academic writing or presentation since it enables the reader to follow up the source of ideas and information presented in your work, and to examine the interpretation you place on the material discovered in your research. Reliable referencing clearly indicates where you have drawn your own conclusions from the evidence presented. Importantly, much of the material you will use is covered by copyright which means that you must acknowledge any source of information, including books, journals, newsprint, images and the internet.

It is obligatory for students to reference all sources used in their written work including electronic material. Students should consult the University library website for a detailed explanation and examples of how to reference electronic material correctly

Different programs use different referencing styles to reflect the needs of their discipline. It is the student's responsibility to check which referencing style is used. Indigenous Studies use the Harvard referencing style.

## Assessment Tasks

| Name          | Weighting | Hurdle | Due  |
|---------------|-----------|--------|--|
| Quiz          | 30%       | No     | Sunday of Week 4                               |
| Participation | 40%       | No     | On the Sunday of each week beginning in week 2 |
| Major Essay   | 30%       | No     | Week: TBA                                      |

### Quiz

Due: **Sunday of Week 4**

Weighting: **30%**

The quiz will consist of 10 questions. The questions will be multiple choice and will refer to content covered in lectures one, two, three and four. You are required to **choose the most fitting response to the question based on what you have learned and read to date.**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand the theoretical origins and practical application of critical pedagogy and Indigenous critical pedagogy
- Demonstrated high level of written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.
- Demonstrated high level of competency in the ability to research independently, think

critically and evaluate and apply course content.

- Confidently use online communication forums and engage in informed interactive learning

## Participation

Due: **On the Sunday of each week beginning in week 2**

Weighting: **40%**

Participation - 40% - ongoing week 2 -11 (10 posts in total)

Each week commencing in week two, a piece of text or quote from one of the readings will be posted on the iLearn forum. Students will post a 250 word (or within 10% of – NO MORE NO LESS) response to the post to the iLearn forum.

**Here is an example** of how your response might look to the following statement:

*Quote: “Pedagogy which begins with the egoistic interests of the oppressors (an egoism cloaked in the false generosity of paternalism) and makes of the oppressed the objects of its humanitarianism, itself maintains and embodies oppression. It is an instrument of dehumanization”. (Freire POTO, 39) Response sample:*

*Freire suggests that oppressive forms of pedagogy can be identified by a form of egoism that pretends to be ‘humane’ but is, in fact, characterised by paternalism. We can see this form of paternalistic pedagogy operating throughout the history of Indigenous education in Australia, for example, where policy has ‘included’ Aboriginal people without consultation, and where Aboriginal students have become the objects of a dehumanizing education that completely erases all prior forms of knowledge. Freire’s statement questions the very concept and practice of humanitarianism and suggests we need to be wary of what he calls “false generosity.” What Freire points to is the way in which colonizers in many nations have condescended to Aboriginal people under the guise of ‘inclusion’ - (humanitarianism) but have, in reality, maintained the power relations that structure and sustain western knowledge and its oppressive colonial force. This is evident today if we look at the education statistics for Aboriginal students at all levels; generations of being systematically excluded from the education system continue to influence considerably lower outcomes. The most important thing to remember when reading Freire’s work is that he saw education as a liberating force for all students that is political in nature and always subject to transformation.*

It is a good idea to write posts in a Word doc and cut and paste into the forum. Posts are marked according to the following criteria:

- Demonstration of critical engagement with the text appropriate to MA level of study (/10)
- Written expression / academic prose, grammar, structure, punctuation and referencing where required (/10)

Please keep a copy of your weekly posts. **Posts must be submitted by the Sunday of each week and cannot be submitted retrospectively.** It is your responsibility to ensure timely

submission.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- A basic ability to use on line communication forums and engage in Informed interactive learning.
- Improved Library and Internet research skills in finding and evaluating relevant material to contribute to independent learning.
- High level written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.
- High level competency in the ability to think critically and evaluate and apply course content.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand how to apply effective teaching and learning practices to Indigenous students/cohorts.
- Understand the theoretical origins and practical application of critical pedagogy and Indigenous critical pedagogy
- Think critically about the roles of teachers and learners.
- Demonstrated high level of competency in the ability to research independently, think critically and evaluate and apply course content.
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## Major Essay

Due: **Week: TBA**

Weighting: **30%**

Major essay - 30% - 2500 words

The major essay will respond to one of the following questions:

Essay Questions:

1. What does Nakata teach us about Australian Indigenous education?
2. What is critical pedagogy and how can this body of knowledge be applied to Indigenous education in Australia?
3. Can the work of Paulo Freire teach us anything about Indigenous education in Australia? In your response consider the similarities and differences in Indigenous contexts, and the possibilities for applying Freire's models to Australia.
4. Issues of race and gender have implications for all students. Discuss using the work of bell hooks.

The essay will be marked according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrated ability to research the topic (including sources outside of course readings) (/10)
- Critical engagement with content/demonstrated understanding and response to the topic (/10)
- Demonstrated ability to construct an academic essay appropriate to MA level (e.g. academic prose, correct referencing/citation, essay structure, grammar, adherence to word count, punctuation etc.) (/10)

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Improved Library and Internet research skills in finding and evaluating relevant material to contribute to independent learning.
- High level written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.
- High level competency in the ability to think critically and evaluate and apply course content.

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## **Delivery and Resources**

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

Students are to listen to engage with all material on ilearn.

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

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

## **Unit Schedule**

Unit schedule is available via the iLearn site



## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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](https://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@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](https://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)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@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

### PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcomes

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## Assessment task

- Participation

## PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

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- Demonstrated high level of written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.
- Demonstrated high level of competency in the ability to research independently, think critically and evaluate and apply course content.

## Assessment tasks

- Quiz
- Participation
- Major Essay

## PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Understand how to apply effective teaching and learning practices to Indigenous students/cohorts.
- Understand the theoretical origins and practical application of critical pedagogy and Indigenous critical pedagogy

- Think critically about the roles of teachers and learners.
- Demonstrated high level of competency in the ability to research independently, think critically and evaluate and apply course content.

## **Assessment tasks**

- Quiz
- Participation
- Major Essay

## **PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability**

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## **Learning outcomes**

- Understand how to apply effective teaching and learning practices to Indigenous students/cohorts.
- Understand the theoretical origins and practical application of critical pedagogy and Indigenous critical pedagogy
- Demonstrated high level of competency in the ability to research independently, think critically and evaluate and apply course content.

## **Assessment tasks**

- Quiz
- Participation
- Major Essay

## **PG - Effective Communication**

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## **Learning outcomes**

- Understand how to apply effective teaching and learning practices to Indigenous students/cohorts.

- Demonstrated high level of written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.
- Demonstrated high level of competency in the ability to research independently, think critically and evaluate and apply course content.
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## **Assessment task**

- Major Essay

## **PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens**

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

## **Learning outcomes**

- Understand how to apply effective teaching and learning practices to Indigenous students/cohorts.
- Understand the theoretical origins and practical application of critical pedagogy and Indigenous critical pedagogy
- Think critically about the roles of teachers and learners.
- Demonstrated high level of written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.
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## **Assessment task**

- Participation