



# WACH100

## Academic Communication in the Social Sciences and Humanities

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

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### 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:

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

Critically evaluate information and ideas relevant to social science and arts related disciplines.

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

Apply the knowledge gained through critical evaluation and analysis of other writers to the production of student's own texts.

Understand the basic grammatical foundations of clear academic and professional communication.

Carry out directed reflection on the learning experience of the unit.

Apply academic referencing conventions accurately and appropriately.

Express ideas using appropriate discipline specific language and structure for academic and professional purposes in written and/or oral texts.

## 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.
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 for non-submission of an assessment task or non-attendance at a required 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).

Other grades (FW, I, IS, UD, UJ, UL) may be allocated where 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, has applied for special consideration or because of an unresolved matter such as allegations of academic misconduct. These grades are outlined in [Schedule 1](#) of the Assessment Policy.

### **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.

### **Late Submissions and Penalties**

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).

Late penalties will be calculated based on the marks allocated to the assessment: i.e. if an assessment is worth 100 marks, a 20-mark deduction will be made for each day of lateness or

part thereof.

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

- If a student submits at 5:01 pm on the Friday and no special consideration has been 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 special consideration has been 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 Special Consideration has been granted, a record of submission will be made and the student will be provided with feedback, but they will receive zero marks for the assessment task as a full (100%) penalty will be applied.
- Please note that online submissions are electronically tracked, and the electronic record of submission will be used to determine late penalties. This means that submitting your work even a few seconds after the allocated deadline will result in a late submission which will attract a late penalty. There is no flexibility with respect to application of penalties in this instance as penalties must be fairly and consistently applied. **It is your responsibility to allow sufficient time for submission of your work and any uploading of documents so try to avoid submitting your work just prior to the deadline.**

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

### Extensions

Extensions will only be granted as a result of a successful application for Special Consideration. To apply for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item, students must submit their application for Special Consideration via [ask.mq.edu.au](https://ask.mq.edu.au).

An approved extension will not incur late penalties. However, where a student has been granted an extension and submits late (i.e. after the stipulated due date following extension), late penalties will be applied as per the new due date. Late penalties will be 20% per 24-hour period or thereof up to 4 days (weekend inclusive).

### Resubmissions

Students are responsible for ensuring that they make correct submissions. Following an initial submission, 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.

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 student email address. Students must retain all original documentation for a 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 Assessments**

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 when unable to show their student ID card.

When an assessment is to be held or submitted during 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 will apply.

For example, if a one-hour test or quiz is due to take place in a 2-hour lesson, the test or quiz may start at any time in the first hour or at the start of the second hour, 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, when 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.

### **Revision Sessions**

When relevant, a revision session may be scheduled prior to the final examination. Revision sessions will usually be scheduled on Monday and/or Tuesday of Week 7. Details of the revision session will be provided in the teaching schedule section of the unit guide and reminders may be posted in iLearn. When revision sessions are available, students are strongly encouraged to attend.

### **Missed assessments**

The [Special Consideration Policy](#) establishes the principles that support students seeking to notify the University when they experience short-term, unexpected, serious and unavoidable circumstances, which affect their performance in assessment. This Policy applies only to short-

term, serious and unavoidable circumstances that arise after a study period has commenced, and where specific assessment task/s have been affected. Students with a pre-existing disability/ health condition or prolonged adverse circumstances are advised to seek support from Campus Wellbeing and should also refer to the Student Disability Support Policy.

In order to support students who have experienced serious and unavoidable circumstances, the University will attempt to provide affected students with one (1) additional opportunity to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes of a unit or units. An additional opportunity provided under such circumstances is referred to as Special Consideration, and may be granted after careful evaluation of the supporting evidence.

Students are expected to plan their work so that they can meet assessment deadlines at the same time as other obligations which they may have, both inside and outside the University. Special Consideration will not be granted when students are unable to complete an assessment task due to planned or foreseeable absence (e.g. holidays, recreational activities or normal work commitments or changes).

All applications for Special Consideration must be substantiated by original, independent documentary evidence in the format and by the deadline prescribed in the Procedure.

Please refer to the [Special Consideration Policy](#) section under Policies and Procedures below.

### **Accessing your Results**

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

Marks for all assessment tasks will be released to students once marking has concluded.

Final results for the unit will be released at 00:01 on Thursday of Vacation Week. 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. When 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 in iLearn 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 when 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 College Student Desk (Level 1, 8 Sir Christopher Ondaatje Avenue).

### **Feedback Sessions**

When relevant, a feedback session may be scheduled after the results release. Feedback sessions will usually be scheduled on Friday of Vacation Week. Details of the feedback session will be provided in the teaching schedule section of the unit guide and reminders may be posted in iLearn. When feedback sessions are available, students are strongly encouraged to attend.

### **Contacting Teaching Staff to Obtain 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](#). Enquiries from personal email accounts will not be attended to.

### **Academic Integrity**

All members of the University community must abide by the principles of academic integrity as per the [Academic Integrity Policy](#). The fundamental principle is that all staff and students act with integrity in the creation, development, application and use of ideas and information. 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; and
- when the ideas of others are used, these ideas must be acknowledged appropriately.

All breaches of the [Academic Integrity 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 Integrity Policy.

Unacceptable activities include, but are not limited to, the following academic (including learning and teaching and research) activities:

- Cheating: is any attempt to dishonestly give or obtain assistance from another person, material, or device in an academic task.
- Contract-cheating: is having another person or entity conceive, research or write material for an assignment and submitting the work as one's own, irrespective of whether the other person or entity was paid for the material.
- Collusion: is unauthorised collaboration in producing an academic exercise that is designated as an individual task.
- Deception: is providing false or misleading information to the University.
- Fabrication: is to forge or falsify any information or citation in an academic task or report false or misleading results or conclusions of any research.
- Impersonation: is pretending or assuming another person's identity or using a substitute person for the purposes of providing an advantage.
- Obstruction: is intentionally impeding or interfering with another person's academic activity.
- Plagiarism: is adopting or reproducing the work or ideas of another person, whether intentionally or not, and presenting this as one's own without clearly acknowledging the

source of the work or ideas.

- Sabotage: is acting to prevent or hinder another person from completing an academic exercise to the best of their abilities including by making information or material unavailable to others or disrupting or interfering with an academic task, experiments, research or other academic activity of any other person.
- Self-plagiarism: is unacknowledged use of material you have previously published or submitted.

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

### **Penalties for Plagiarism and Collusion**

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

If your work is found to be similar to another source and considered to include instances of plagiarism or collusion, you will be penalised.

**Plagiarism** is taking someone else's work or ideas and presenting them as your own, that is, without acknowledging where they came from originally.

**Collusion** takes place when a student copies work or ideas from another student with or without this student's consent to complete a task that is supposed to be done individually.

For example, if you were awarded 60/100 marks for an essay, which contained 30% similarity (i.e. 30% of the work was identified to be copied from another source), the 30% of the 100 marks allocated to the task (i.e. 30 marks) could be deducted as a penalty. The final score you would receive would be 30/100 marks.

Penalty calculations may vary by unit.

### **Turnitin**

To uphold principles of Academic Integrity, Macquarie University employs an 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 the Academic Integrity 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 the “Resubmissions after the due date” section in this unit guide.

Teaching staff will use the originality report to judge whether plagiarism has occurred and whether penalties should apply for breaches of the Academic Integrity Policy. Any similar text identified by Turnitin will be considered carefully to see if it is indeed a breach of the Academic Integrity 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 and students may also access [research resources](#) provided by the library or [Learning Skills](#).

Please refer to these instructions on [how to submit your assignment through Turnitin](#) and to 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, you may also lodge a [OneHelp](#) Ticket; please 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="#">Integrative Summary&amp;Reflection</a>	25%	No	Week 2 Friday 7 pm
<a href="#">Online Quizzes</a>	15%	No	Friday 11:55 p.m. Weeks 2,4,6
<a href="#">Guided Reflection</a>	10%	No	Week 5 Lesson 1
<a href="#">Persuasive Essay</a>	40%	No	Week 5 Friday 7 pm

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">News Page</a>	10%	No	Week 6 Friday 7 pm

## Integrative Summary&Reflection

Due: **Week 2 Friday 7 pm**

Weighting: **25%**

The **Integrative Summary** will require students to synthesise information and varying perspectives on a certain aspect of an issue assigned. In order to do this, students will need to integrate the salient points and supporting evidence presented in two (2) sources relevant to the assigned issue. Those points 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 will be required to submit a draft of their Integrative Summary into Turnitin at least 24 hours before the due date to check that they are not committing plagiarism. Students with a match overview higher than 10% will need to re-write in their own words the text identified as plagiarised by Turnitin. The modified final draft is due by Week 2, Friday 7 pm and must be submitted via Turnitin.

**Reflection:** Students are also required to submit a Reflection on how they avoided / addressed plagiarism in their assignment. This involves identifying the similarity percentage of their initial draft submission by including a screenshot of the match overview percentage and the steps they took to avoid / address plagiarism. If a student has a match overview higher than 10% in their final submission, they will also need to include in their Reflection how they addressed plagiarism before final draft submission and how they will avoid plagiarism in the future.

The **final draft** should include the **Integrative Summary** text followed by the **Reflection**.

No hard copies will be accepted or marked. This is an individual assessment task.

The Integrative summary word limit is 800 words and the Reflection is 100-150 words, making a total of 900-950 words excluding references.

For late submissions, please refer to the late submissions section above.

Feedback will be provided via Feedback Studio in Turnitin.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
- Critically evaluate information and ideas relevant to social science and arts related disciplines.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.

- Apply the knowledge gained through critical evaluation and analysis of other writers to the production of student's own texts.
- Understand the basic grammatical foundations of clear academic and professional communication.
- Carry out directed reflection on the learning experience of the unit.
- Apply academic referencing conventions accurately and appropriately.
- Express ideas using appropriate discipline specific language and structure for academic and professional purposes in written and/or oral texts.

## Online Quizzes

Due: **Friday 11:55 p.m. Weeks 2,4,6**

Weighting: **15%**

There are 3 online quizzes that need to be completed in weeks 2, 4 & 6. The quizzes are as follows:

Week 2: *Reading* quiz (This quiz aims to test students' understanding of and engagement with the concepts of the unit).

Week 4: *Writing* quiz (This quiz aims to test students' understanding of and engagement with the concepts of the unit).

Week 6: *Grammar* quiz (This quiz will assess students' understanding of the basic grammatical resources required to construct cohesive and coherent texts). To prepare for this quiz, students should participate in the online practice quizzes provided on the iLearn site.

The *Reading*, *Writing* and *Grammar* quizzes are weighted equally (each quiz is worth 5% of the total marks for the unit).

Each assessed quiz is an individual task. Students may only attempt the assessed 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 requesting Special Consideration.

The quizzes will open at 9 am on Monday on the week in which they are due for completion and will remain open until Friday at 11:55 pm. No late attempts will be possible, except in cases where a Special Consideration has been lodged and approved.

In cases where a student misses this assessment, they must refer to the Special Consideration Policy.

Feedback will be provided on iLearn and marks will be available in Gradebook on iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.
- Understand the basic grammatical foundations of clear academic and professional communication.
- Express ideas using appropriate discipline specific language and structure for academic and professional purposes in written and/or oral texts.

## Guided Reflection

Due: **Week 5 Lesson 1**

Weighting: **10%**

The Guided Reflection will be hand-written in the form of a blog in Week 5 Lesson 1. The word count is 250 words.

In this blog students should reflect on the feedback they received for Assignment 1 and outline how the feedback they received will shape their future assignment writing.

This is an in-class assessment, so students must be present on the day of the assessment.

In cases where a student misses this assessment, they must refer to the Special Consideration Policy.

Feedback will be provided in class and marks will be available in Gradebook.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand the basic grammatical foundations of clear academic and professional communication.
- Carry out directed reflection on the learning experience of the unit.
- Express ideas using appropriate discipline specific language and structure for academic and professional purposes in written and/or oral texts.

## Persuasive Essay

Due: **Week 5 Friday 7 pm**

Weighting: **40%**

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 points that support the central thesis. The points should be backed up with reference to reliable sources. The conclusion of the essay should flow from the points made and should not introduce new ideas. Students are required to reference at least five (5) sources. Students should 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 2 so that they can check the match overview 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 whose texts show a match overview higher than 10% will need to write the Reflection. If the student's final draft has a match overview higher than 10%, 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 7 pm on Friday of Week 5 via Turnitin. No hard copies will be accepted or marked. This is an individual assessment task.

The Persuasive Essay word limit is 1200 words not including the Reference List.

For late submissions, please refer to late submissions section above.

Feedback will be provided via Feedback Studio and marks will be available on Turnitin.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
- Critically evaluate information and ideas relevant to social science and arts related disciplines.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.
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## News Page

Due: **Week 6 Friday 7 pm**

Weighting: **10%**

The *News Page* assessment will require students to rewrite some aspects of the research 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 relaxed 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



check the match overview. The final formal submission will be due at 7 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 match overview higher than 10%, 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.

The News Page word limit is 600 words not including the Reference list.

For late submissions, please refer to late submissions section above.

Feedback will be provided via Feedback Studio and marks will be available on Turnitin.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Read efficiently to gather and critically evaluate specific information and ideas from academic sources related to the social sciences and arts fields.
- Critically evaluate information and ideas relevant to social science and arts related disciplines.
- Analyse the purpose, language and features of academic, disciplinary and professional genres.
- Apply the knowledge gained through critical evaluation and analysis of other writers to the production of student's own texts.
- Understand the basic grammatical foundations of clear academic and professional communication.
- Apply academic referencing conventions accurately and appropriately.
- Express ideas using appropriate discipline specific language and structure for academic and professional purposes in written and/or oral texts.

## **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 Manager. To seek approval, students

must email [muic@mq.edu.au](mailto:muic@mq.edu.au) or speak to a member of the Student Administration and Services Team at The College Student Desk (Level 1, 8 Sir Christopher Ondaatje Avenue). Approval will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

The last day to enrol, add or change 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; and
- 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).

When 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.

### **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. Alternatively, some make-up lessons might be delivered online.

**In Term 5 there are no 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. It enables students to use the Microsoft Windows applications they require to do their university work from anywhere, anytime, on any device;
- Access to Macquarie University [Library catalogue \(MultiSearch\)](#); and
- 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 the 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 log in to 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 also 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; and
- 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 the Learning Skills Unit. This resource 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, identify 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.

Macquarie University Library has released a mobile device app called libMQ . The app allows students to easily access MyLibrary (be notified about loans, renewals, holds and fees owing), book a computer, Library floor maps, see new books lists and Search MultiSearch.

It can be downloaded from either Google Play or the App store.

[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 can attend these support classes on a drop in basis as required.

[Studiosity](#) is a one-to-one personal study support service which may be made available via your

iLearn unit. If available, you may use this service to get online study help and/or feedback on your assignment usually 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. Please note that this is an external service and feedback provided is generic in nature (for example comments on grammar and cohesion) and may not be specific to the requirements of the task. If you require specific feedback on how your work aligns with the expectations of the unit or marking criteria, you should consult your teacher.

## Unit Schedule

Week	TOPIC	Assessment Task
1	Introduction to WACH100: unit guide and assessment tasks Social inclusion topics Topic allocation Reading strategies Integrative Summary: Structural stages Nominal/verbal groups Sentence structure Independent clauses Academic integrity Source reliability tests Research skills needed to locate resources Providing evidence Note-taking Summary writing	Complete the academic integrity module.
2	Incorporating evidence (how to quote sources) Reporting verbs Synthesising sources Peer review integrative summary Formatting assignments Editing drafts Grammar quiz in class	Integrative Summary Draft due Lesson 1  <b>Integrative Summary due Friday, 11:55 pm</b>  <b>Online Reading quiz due Friday, 11:55 pm</b>

<p>3</p>	<p>Essay Structure</p> <p>Persuasive Essay overview: Creating an outline</p> <p>Expressing voice</p> <p>Run on sentences and fragments</p> <p>Participants, processes and constituency</p> <p>Nominalisation</p> <p>Research skills: searching databases</p> <p>Grammar quiz in class</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Persuasive Essay – writing workshop</p> <p>Writing effective Essay introductions and conclusions</p> <p>Paragraph structure</p> <p>Topic sentences</p> <p>Thematic progression</p> <p>Developing an effective argument</p> <p>Linking strategies (transitions/connectives)</p> <p>Hedging</p> <p>Grammar quiz in class</p>	<p><b>Online Writing quiz due Friday, 11:55 pm</b></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Voice (supporting your point of view with reliable sources; expressing evaluation; pronoun use)</p> <p>Developing a cohesive and coherent argument</p> <p>Nominal and verb groups used for academic purposes</p> <p>Synthesising information (revision)</p> <p>Structural differences between essays and reports</p> <p>Persuasive essay soft copy submission. Peer and tutor feedback</p> <p>Proof-reading drafts</p>	<p><b>Guided reflection due in class in lesson 1</b></p> <p>Persuasive Essay Draft due in Lesson 2</p> <p><b>Persuasive Essay due Friday, 11:55 pm</b></p>
<p>6</p>	<p>How audience impacts writing style: Writing for a popular audience</p> <p>Purpose and audience of News Reports</p> <p>Structure and language characteristic of News Reports</p> <p>Academic presentations</p> <p>Issues related to register: differences between written and spoken texts</p> <p>Effective speaking in academic settings</p> <p>Review sentence structure</p>	<p>News Page draft due Lesson 1</p> <p><b>News Page due Friday 11:55 pm</b></p> <p><b>Online Grammar quiz due Friday, 11:55 pm</b></p>

**In the Vacation Week (Week 8), a feedback session will be held.**

## Learning and Teaching Activities

### Lessons

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### Active Participation

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- engaging actively in class activities;
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- completing set class and homework activities;
- collaborating with other students; and
- adhering to Macquarie University's Student Codes of Conduct.

## 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](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Academic Integrity

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 Integrity 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; and
- when the ideas of others are used, these ideas must be acknowledged appropriately.

All breaches of the [Academic Integrity 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 Integrity Policy.

## Assessment Policy

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

## 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 the 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 two 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 MRP requirements will be issued with a Notice of 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 a Notice of Intention to Report letter and may subsequently be reported to the Department of Home Affairs 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)

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

### Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcome

- Apply the knowledge gained through critical evaluation and analysis of other writers to the production of student's own texts.

### Assessment tasks

- Integrative Summary&Reflection
- Persuasive Essay
- News Page

### Learning and teaching activities

- Lessons will include a mixture of learning and teaching activities. New content and topics will be presented in lessons, and students will be given problems, practice questions and other interactive activities to apply the knowledge and the skills gained in the lesson.

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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

- 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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## 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

- Carry out directed reflection on the learning experience of the unit.
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### Assessment tasks

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- Guided Reflection

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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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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## **Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### **Learning outcomes**

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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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## Learning outcomes

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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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Apply the knowledge gained through critical evaluation and analysis of other writers to the production of student's own texts.
- Understand the basic grammatical foundations of clear academic and professional communication.
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  - adhering to Macquarie University's Student Codes of Conduct.

## Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcome

- Critically evaluate information and ideas relevant to social science and arts related disciplines.

## Assessment tasks

- Integrative Summary&Reflection
- Persuasive Essay
- News Page

## Learning and teaching activities

- Lessons will include a mixture of learning and teaching activities. New content and topics will be presented in lessons, and students will be given problems, practice questions and other interactive activities to apply the knowledge and the skills gained in the lesson. Students will be required to take notes, complete set class tasks and engage in discussion and individual and group activities. In class, specific time may be dedicated to work on assessment tasks and students will be given guidance and feedback to complete these. Certain lessons may be dedicated to independent research and reading related to the unit whether in the classroom or a computer lab.
- Students will be required to not only attend but also actively participate in lessons. Active participation entails:
  - engaging actively in class activities;
  - contributing to class discussions by asking and answering questions;
  - coming to class prepared and having completed required pre-readings and activities;
  - completing set class and homework activities;
  - collaborating with other students; and
  - adhering to Macquarie University's Student Codes of Conduct.

## 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.

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

All students should ensure that they have access to the prescribed text 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 you must students

must consult teaching staff prior to purchasing these.

**Recommended Texts:**

Butt, D., Fahey, R., Feez, S., & Spinks S. (2012). *Using Functional Grammar: an Explorer's Guide*, (3rd edition). Palgrave Macmillan.

Collins COBUILD English Grammar (2011). Harper Collins,

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