



GEOP3800

Practicing Geography

Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2020

Department of Geography and Planning

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

40cp at 2000 level and permission by special approval

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit gives students an opportunity to apply their learning through work with a partner in either Sydney, regional Australia or internationally. The unit develops students' professional ethics, ability to address complex issues, and practical, analytical and interpretative skills in ways directly relevant to their future employment. This unit allows students to draw on previous learning to strengthen their portfolio of demonstrated skills relevant to the wide range of employment destinations available to human geographers and other social scientists. The unit is required for students enrolled in the Human Geography, Geography, Urban Studies, Environment, Society and Law and Refugee Studies majors in the BA and for students enrolled in the Geography Studies and Human Geography Studies Specialisations in the BSc. It is also suitable for students enrolled in the Global Health, Anthropology, Sociology and Indigenous Studies majors in the BA. Students wishing to enrol in this unit should lodge an online enquiry via ask.mq.edu.au to request further information prior to submission of a waiver application.

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:

ULO1: Apply skills and knowledge from the classroom to a placement/internship/research experience.

ULO2: Address complex issues in a work and/or community environment.

ULO3: Effectively interact and collaborate with others from diverse disciplines, backgrounds and cultures to achieve personal or common objectives.

ULO4: Demonstrate high standards of ethical conduct when applying knowledge in social science.

ULO5: Effectively communicate and self-reflect on work processes through relevant media.

General Assessment Information

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.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Preparation Report	40%	No	5pm Friday 21 August
Reflective writing task	40%	No	5pm Friday 6 November
Blog	20%	No	5pm Friday 6 November

Preparation Report

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **5pm Friday 21 August**

Weighting: **40%**

1500 word report to demonstrate preparedness for your work placement

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply skills and knowledge from the classroom to a placement/internship/research experience.
- Address complex issues in a work and/or community environment.
- Demonstrate high standards of ethical conduct when applying knowledge in social science.
- Effectively communicate and self-reflect on work processes through relevant media.

Reflective writing task

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 28 hours

Due: **5pm Friday 6 November**

Weighting: **40%**

2000 word reflective writing task to reflect on your placement and personal learning.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply skills and knowledge from the classroom to a placement/internship/research experience.
- Address complex issues in a work and/or community environment.
- Effectively interact and collaborate with others from diverse disciplines, backgrounds and cultures to achieve personal or common objectives.
- Demonstrate high standards of ethical conduct when applying knowledge in social science.
- Effectively communicate and self-reflect on work processes through relevant media.

Blog

Assessment Type ¹: Non-academic writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 12 hours

Due: **5pm Friday 6 November**

Weighting: **20%**

Blog to share your learning journeys with fellow students.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Effectively communicate and self-reflect on work processes through relevant media.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

This unit consists of 3x 2-hour workshops (in weeks 1, 2 and 13) plus your internship/placement/ research experience and attendant assessment tasks.

Unit Schedule

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Workshop	Assessment tasks
Workshop 1: Practicing geography Week 1: Friday 31 July (9am-11am)	
Workshop 2: Professional practice, value and ethics Week 2: Friday 7 August (9am-11am)	Workshop preparation activities (included in Preparation report) Ass 1: Preparation report (40%) due 5pm Friday 21 August
Workshop 3: Sharing and debriefing Week 13: Friday 30 October (9am-11am)	Ass 2: Reflective writing task (40%) and Ass 3 Blog (20%) due 5pm Friday November 6

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.**)

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 \(http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](http://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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact 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) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact 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/](#).

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.