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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
(Admission to MEnv or MSusDev or MEnvMMarScMgt or MEnvMSusDev or MPH or MConsBiolMEnv or MScInnovationEnvSc) and 40cp at 8000 level

Corequisites

Co-badge status

Unit description
With the Environmental Research Report unit students will learn the fundamentals of research processes within the interdisciplinary area of environmental studies. Students will gain comprehensive understanding of research methods applied to a selected environmental subject area and evaluate research problems through a systematic review approach. Students will present the research outcomes to audience specialized in the field and develop application for a project in the majoring research discipline.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Independently design an individual research project
ULO2: Demonstrate understanding in specialised experimental and analytical research methods applicable to conduct environmental research project
ULO3: Apply the principles of data collection and synthesis of information through systematic review methods
ULO4: Effectively communicate the scientific outcomes both verbally and in writing
ULO5: Scope an independent research project within budget allocation

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
Students should consult iLearn for revised unit information.
Find out more about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and potential impacts on staff and students

General Assessment Information

Assessment Criteria
Assessment at Macquarie University is standards-based, as outlined in the Assessment Policy. This means that your work will be assessed against clear criteria, and these criteria will be made available when the assessment tasks are released to you on iLearn.

Submission of Assessments
Your two major assignments must be submitted online through Turnitin. Links for the submission of each assignment will be available on iLearn. The due dates for all assessment tasks are not negotiable. If you have commitments that will significantly impact your study during the session then you must plan for this in advance as part of an effective individual study plan and you may need to contact the unit convenor for advice.

Marking of Assessments
Your two major assignments will be marked through Turnitin and feedback will be noted on the assignment. Do not submit your assignments via email or in hard copy. Your grades will be returned using the Grades Report on iLearn. Grades from your quizzes and the exam will also be made available on iLearn.

Penalties for Late Assessments
The penalty for late submission of assessments in this unit is ten percent (10%) of the assessment value per day, calculated from the due time and date. This means that if the assignment is worth a total of 30 marks (or 30% of the unit) you will lose 3 marks for each day late. The penalty will be applied over weekdays and weekends unless you have been granted an extension for the assignment prior to the due date.

Extensions for Assessments
To obtain an extension for an assessment task, you will need to follow the formal process as outlined in the Special Consideration Policy, and you must provide appropriate supporting documentation (e.g. medical certificate - see advice for Special Consideration requests).
final decision regarding the granting of an extension and/or a late penalty lies with the unit convenor/lecturer responsible for the assignment. Permission for extension must be sought **well before the due date** unless this is absolutely impossible. Let us know of problems in advance or as soon as possible, not after the event: we are likely to be much more sympathetic and flexible in our requirements if you follow this advice.

## Delivery and Resources

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19. Please check here for updated delivery information: [https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status](https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status)

### Classes

The class timetable can be found through the [Timetable](#) portal.

In week 1 there will be a 3 hour class which will include an introduction to the unit, and principles for the literature review, conducting original research and budgeting for research projects. During the following weeks there will be regular supervisory contact to discuss the project in groups and/or individually. The unit convenor will allocate supervision meeting times to all students.

Students are expected to allocate 12 hours per week of their workload towards this unit to successfully deliver the assignments.

### Resources

Students are expected to source original peer-reviewed literature relevant for their topic of choice for the methodological review and research report. Databases to be used to search literature include:

- Macquarie University Library [http://multisearch.mq.edu.au/](http://multisearch.mq.edu.au/)

The following are examples of journals where high impact articles in the discipline of environmental sciences are published:

- Environmental Science and Technology
- Environmental Health Perspectives
- Remote Sensing of Environment
- Energy and Environmental Science
- Global Environmental Change
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). 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). 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).

**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 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 Enquiry Service

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

Equity 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.

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.