



MHIS2040

Land, Life and Liberty: Australia from Pre-Contact to Nationhood

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Department of Modern History, Politics & International Relations

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

40cp at 1000 level or above OR (10cp in HIST or MHIS or POL or POIR or MHIX or POIX units)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Australia is rooted in a deep human and geological past which has profound meaning and resonance for contemporary Australian society. It has both Indigenous and non-Indigenous foundations. This unit explores these foundations from Indigenous occupation, through British contact and colonisation, to self-rule and the establishment of the 'white nation' in 1901. Through the themes of land, life and liberty, we trace the political, economic, cultural and social dynamics at play to discover what characterised the nation's beginnings.

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: demonstrate an understanding of the major themes and changes in Australian history from pre-European contact to 1901

ULO2: demonstrate an ability to research a topic in Australian colonial history, including the evaluation of a wide range of primary and secondary sources.

ULO3: interpret historiography to contextualise and analyse problems.

ULO4: communicate historical arguments coherently and persuasively in written, oral and interpersonal forms.

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

All assessments for this unit are clearly identified and instructions laid out in iLearn. Please consult the iLearn homepage and take the time to scroll through it, paying particular attention to the dedicated section on assessment.

Late Submission Policy

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.

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

This unit is supported by a comprehensive ilearn homepage on which all information about the unit and all resources, including this unit guide will be found. The ilearn homepage is the interface of the unit, particularly between the convenor and all external students in this unit. The online discussion forum is exclusively for external students (online seminar space).

The format for this unit is the following:

1 x 1 hour pre-recorded lecture +

1x 2 hour seminar per week. There are two timeslots for the seminars (see below). Depending on numbers it might be necessary to merge these classes.

Seminar times and locations

Monday	9-11 am	25a Wallys Walk, room 111
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Monday	1-3 pm	23 Wallys Walk, room 103
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NB: The pre-recorded lectures will be uploaded the Friday before the Monday seminar. You will find them via the Echo 360 link on the right hand side of the ilearn homepage for this unit.

Lectures are compulsory. Questions will be asked in class about them and your engagement with them will be factored into the 10% participation mark for this unit. The lectures are delivered by the convenor and by guest lecturers from the Department.

Unit Schedule

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

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Date	Lecture Topic	Seminar Topic
24-28 February	Introduction	Introductory
2-6 March	Indigenous Societies	Deep Time
9-13 March	Contact and Conflict	Tasmanian Genocide?
16-20 March	Growth and Transition	Self-Government
23-27 March	Gold	Eureka
30 March - 3 April	Immigration	Chinese immigrants
6-10 April	Economy	The Bush
27 April - 1st May	Doomed Race	Protection
4-8 May	Urbanisation	Larrikins
11-15 May	Work	Something like Slavery?
18-22 May	The Woman Question	Sex Wars
25-29 May	White Australia	Race
1-5 June	New Nation	Federation

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.