



LING8800

Accessible Communication

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Department of Linguistics

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MAccComm or MAppLing or MAppLingTESOL or MTransInter or MAdvTransInterStud

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides an overview of linguistic and other barriers to communication, as well as interventions to minimise or remove these barriers to full and equitable access to and participation in communication in society at large. The unit will provide an introduction to the concept of accessibility from a range of disciplinary perspectives including second language teaching and learning, translation and interpreting, editing and publishing, intercultural communication, and disability studies. The unit focuses first on the nature of barriers to accessible communication before examining them in detail in specific contexts. Throughout the unit, students are encouraged to explore, research, and reflect on language and communication barriers, and how these can be overcome to facilitate equitable access to and participation in communication.

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 theoretical principles and recent developments in accessible communication in a variety of institutional contexts.

ULO2: Critically evaluate relevant literature in the field of accessible communication.

ULO3: Identify and analyse different language and communication barriers to full and equitable access.

ULO4: Critique and report on data relevant to language and communicative aspects of access to socio-economic participation.

ULO5: Communicate to a professional audience advanced knowledge and understanding of socially relevant issues in accessible communication.

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

How to apply for a late submission of an assignment

- Late submissions without approved extension will receive a penalty of 5% of the total mark available for the assessment task per day including weekends.
- Work without approved extension that is submitted after marked assessment tasks have been released will not be marked at all and will automatically be assigned a 0.
- Extensions will only be given in special circumstances and can be requested by completing the Special Consideration request at ask.mq.edu.au and providing the requisite supporting documents.
- Extensions cannot continue beyond the start of the following semester, and students should be aware that long extensions may impact graduation dates.
- If a student fails the unit due to non-submission of an assessment task, an FA grade will be applied in accordance with the University's Assessment Policy.
- Unit convenors have the discretion to determine whether or not students should fail a

unit on the basis of lateness penalties alone if other learning outcomes of the unit have been met.

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

Lectures & Tutorials

The unit is taught in 13x2 seminars and 13x1 tutorials.

The seminars are on Mondays from 900 to 1100 immediately followed a one-hour tutorial. The seminars mostly cover discussions and activities on the assigned topics.

Tutorial activities serve two purposes: to give students an opportunity to explore further concepts covered in the seminar and to prepare for assessment tasks.

Readings

There is no set textbook for this unit. Instead, selected readings are made available through Leganto in iLearn.

Unit Schedule

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The unit covers the following topics:

- Accessible and inclusive communication
- Inclusive language
- Inclusive design
- Accessible and inclusive language in second language teaching materials
- Accessible and inclusive language in editing and publishing
- Accessible and inclusive language in translation and interpreting
- Accessible and inclusive language in a linguistically-diverse society
- Accessibility and disability

- Accessible and inclusive language in the workplace

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 \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](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 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.