MMCC2021

Australian Film and Television

Session 1, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

Department of Media, Music, Communication and Cultural Studies

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
40cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
What do we mean by 'being Australian'? In Australia, film and television are used by the creative industries and viewing public to create, share, critique and sustain ideas of identity and space, and to mediate associated cultural concerns. This unit focuses on constructions of 'Australianness' drawn from these Australian contexts, using cultural-critical frameworks to explore the production and consumption of Australian film and television locally and globally. In addition, by canvassing themes or representation, genre, style, policy, history and industrial practice, this course explores the trajectories and texts of Australian film and television as well as the contemporary preoccupations of both. The production of identity, Indigeneity, gender, sexuality, race, religion and politics from an Australian perspective is explored through a number of Australian feature films, documentaries and television programs.

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 scholarly and thematic familiarity (contemporary and historical) of Cultural Studies with respect to Australian film and television.

ULO2: analyse Australian screen texts and associated cultural practices (Australian spaces, media, scholarly work, social and historical phenomena).

ULO3: evaluate the politicised aspects of Australian life.

ULO4: identify the production of 'Australianness' through discourses of nationalism and

social inclusion.

ULO5: communicate findings in written and creative form, as well as facilitate and participate in discussions and presentations.

ULO6: apply accepted academic standards of communications in both written and spoken form.

ULO7: identify issues specific to Cultural Studies practice, including ethical relations to others, social justice and equity, and the appreciation of diversity.

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

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.

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

Delivery: Daytime, Internal

Technologies Used: iLearn, Echo360, Turnitin, Leganto, Kanopy

Times and Locations for Lectures, Tutorials and Screenings

Lectures: Mondays 4:00PM, 17 Wally's Walk. Lectures begin in week one.

Tutorials: I hr each week as per timetable/enrolment. Tutorials begin in week two.

Required Resources

MMCC2021 has **set readings** and **screenings** for each weekly topic which you must read and study.

Readings must be done from week one. and are accessed via the Library multi-search function and/or the Leganto link on the iLearn page.

Screenings: The required weekly screenings are done in your own time, using the Kanopy streaming links and/or web links provided in iLearn (or by using the Leganto link/library website). You must watch each title before each appropriate tutorial, and make notes for your journal entries and tests.

For current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetables website: http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au

Unit Schedule

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Week One: **Screening Australianness**

Week Two: **Screening National Identity**

Week Three: **Screening Indigeneity**

Week Four: **Screening History**

Week Five: **Screening Multiculturalism**

Week Six: **Screening Migration and Detention**

Week Seven: **Reading Week**

Week Eight: **Screening Gender**

Week Nine: **Screening Sex and Sexuality**

Week Ten: **Screening Religion and Spirituality**

Week Eleven: **Screening Badlands and Criminality**

Week Twelve: **Screening Mobility and Misdemeanors**

Week 13:   **Course Review (No formal classes)**

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). 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 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.