



# GEOP1010

## Introducing Human Geography

Session 1, Infrequent attendance, North Ryde 2020

*Department of Geography and Planning*

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The interconnectedness of distinctive places and people across the planet is at the heart of many urgent contemporary issues, including climate change, migration, geopolitical conflict, and cultural transformation. This unit equips students to engage with these issues by introducing the key approaches used by geographers to explore and explain the spatial variations and interconnections of political, cultural, social, economic and environmental processes that shape the world today. The unit draws on historical and contemporary case studies to examine a range of different geographical perspectives, while maintaining a focus on the core concepts and theories that constitute the discipline of human geography. The unit ultimately aims to provide an understanding of how the discipline of geography is understood and practiced, and explore how geographic knowledge and skills can be used to analyse contemporary social and environmental challenges.

## 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:** Describe the overarching field of geography, and the range of human geography subdisciplines

**ULO2:** Apply geographical approaches to the analysis of cultural, social, political, environmental and economic processes at a range of scales

**ULO3:** Identify and explain core concepts in human geography, including space, place, landscape, region, flow and scale, and their relevance in an interdisciplinary context

**ULO4:** Demonstrate spatial literacy skills by reading and critiquing texts, images, maps and landscapes

**ULO5:** Write, research and communicate in academically appropriate ways

## 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

### Late Submission Penalty

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.

To successfully pass GEOP1010 students must complete all assessment tasks. Failure to complete any single assessment task may result in failure of the unit. The final grade is based on the total mark accumulated from all assessment tasks.

All students must keep a clean electronic copy of all assignments (preferably as a PDF) submitted for assessment.

All students must make themselves available during the official Examination Period.

## 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)

### Lectures

Lectures (each fifty minutes) are held at

- Monday 2pm - 14 Sir Christopher Ondaatje Ave - T5 Theatre
- Thursday 9am - 17 Wallys Walk - T1 Theatre

Lectures and tutorials start at five minutes past the hour and finish at five minutes before the hour to allow you to move across campus for other classes.

Students can also livestream lectures if not on campus. For more information on this mode of engaging with lectures, please go to: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-students/lecture-recordings>

### **Tutorials**

GEOP1010 has a full schedule of tutorials that enhance your general and discipline-specific skills and knowledge. It is important that you attend all tutorials for GEOP1010 if you are an internal student and complete all online activities if you are an external student. Please register for your tutorial via eStudent, and attend the same tutorial each week.

### **Recommended Texts and/or Materials**

Most of the readings come from the following textbook:

Daniels, P., Bradshaw, M., Shaw, D., Sidaway, J. & Hall, T. (Eds) (2016) *An Introduction to Human Geography. 5th Edition*. Pearson: Harlow. (Note that earlier editions of the textbook are fine for the purposes of this unit).

Other readings will be assigned during the session which may be accessed via iLearn and eReserve.

### **Unit webpage and Technology used and required**

All enrolled students have access to the unit website at <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/MQ/> . Access to the website is essential to complete GEOP1010. External students complete the entire unit online.

### **Unit webpage**

The webpage for this unit can be found at iLearn, the Macquarie University online learning system at <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au>. iLearn has both a discussion board and an internal email system. The webpage will provide you with access to lectures through the University's echo360 lecture recording facility, as well as to follow-up discussion, links, readings and forum discussions.

## **Unit Schedule**

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

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GEOP1010 consists of the following modules:

1. Introduction to Human Geography
2. Cultural Geography
3. Urban Geography
4. Political Geography
5. Geographies of Development
6. Environmental Humanities
7. Conclusion/Review

## 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](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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](http://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](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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/](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.