GEOP1020

Introducing Environmental Humanities

Session 1, Weekday 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 environmental humanities bring together ways of knowing and interacting with the world
from diverse perspectives in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, as well as from
Indigenous and other 'non-western' worldviews. This unit introduces the environmental
humanities and aims to nourish students' understanding of the connectivities and possibilities
that these dialogues produce for people and the more-than-human world, particularly relating
these to geographic perspectives. It gets students outside their comfort zones in thinking
about relationships with the planet, other species and other peoples, and provides a
vocabulary of key words and concepts to frame the opportunity to think about these
relationships and connections. This unit includes provocative readings to spark tutorial
discussions and a range of opportunities to rethink the 'environmental' through multiple
viewpoints.

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 value of the environmental humanities for
addressing contemporary environmental challenges.

ULO2: Apply key concepts from the environmental humanities to a range of social and environmental issues and to your own experiences.

ULO4: Clearly express and discuss ideas about connection, belonging and relationships between themselves and the non-human world.

ULO3: Identify and discuss different ways of relating to and conceptualising the environment.

ULO5: Recognise ethical issues in human-environment relations and articulate a position on environmental justice.

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

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted via Turnitin, the university online submission and marking system - found as a link in iLearn. Turnitin includes Grademark, a paperless grading system where your assignments are marked by staff online. Submissions are also checked for plagiarism by Turnitin. Turnitin automatically compares your work to the work of your classmates, previous students and material available on the internet. Hard copies of assignments are no longer accepted and will not be marked.

For more information on Turnitin and Grademark: http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/assignments.htm

DEADLINES, EXTENSIONS AND PENALTIES

Deadlines set for assignment submissions will not be altered except in exceptional circumstances. In all cases, extensions must be supported with appropriate documentation (medical certificate, counsellor's certificate, statutory declaration). All extensions must be applied for and granted through the special consideration process. See the Special Consideration Policy https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration

Extensions will not be granted in cases of poor time management. Only the Unit Convenor can authorise extensions.

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 seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Students who fail to complete and submit ALL assessments for the Unit may not receive enough marks to pass the unit. Penalties will also be incurred for plagiarism, that is, the use of another persons' work and presentation as your own (see University Policies and http://www.mq.edu.au/ policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html).

GRADING

Each assignment will be marked, commented upon and returned to you via Turnitin and Grademark. Grading is conducted in line with the universities grading policy (http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html)

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

This unit will run as a lecture series (1 X 2hour lecture weekly), and a tutorial program (1 session weekly).

Remember to check the MQ 2019 timetable on the day of the first class to make sure that there are no last minute room changes to the lecture venue! Tutorials can also be subject to change - so please check your email or iLearn in week one to ensure that you are on top of any unanticipated changes.

Lecture

Lecture 9am-11am Tuesdays 08SCO 117 Tute Rm

Tutorials

11am-12noon Tuesdays 04WR 302 Tute Rm

2pm-3pm Tuesdays 04WR 234 Tute Rm

Technology

GEOP1020 has a website which is accessible via www.mq.edu.au/iLearn. Here you can get access to unit materials, copies of lecture slides, notices and a general discussion place to pose questions to staff.

Students are not required to acquire any technology for this unit but are expected to access the iLearn site and to use computers to produce their assignments.

Tutorial Facilitation

Tutorials in weeks 4-12 will be led by selected students, however all students are responsible for helping to facilitate the discussion each week. Your weekly participation in the tutorials is important to your success in this unit. Listening to different perspectives and actively discussing important and provocative issues and ideas is a key component of this unit. It is something we value highly and we think you will get a lot out of it too. Students who consistently miss tutorials are at risk of failing the unit.

Required Class Readings

The required readings for GEOP1020 are available electronically through Leganto, which can be accessed through iLearn. Please let Emily know if you have trouble accessing the required readings.

Please note that reading is an integral part of this unit. The readings will complement and support the lecture program, and will be referred to extensively in tutorials and assignments.

Unit Schedule

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GEOP1020 lecture and tutorial schedule

Week	Date	Lecture Schedule (subject to change)	Tutorial	Assessments
1	25 Feb	What are the Environmental Humanities? (DH)		
2	3 March	What is kinship with nature? (EO)		
3	10 March	What is the question of the animal? (EO)		
4	17 March	How do we get to know diverse others? (DH)	Tutorial presentations begin	

5	24 March	What is playing favourites with species? (EO)	Tutorial presentations	
6	31 March	What is environmental philosophy? (EO)	Tutorial presentations	
7	7 April	What is use and respect? (EO)	Tutorial presentations	
Mid-session break: 11 April to 26 April				
8	28 April	What is life and death? (EO)	Tutorial presentations	
9	5 May	What is environmental history? (EO)	Tutorial presentations	**Essay** (40%): 5pm 8 May 2020
10	12 May	What are geographies of containment and proliferation? (EO)	Tutorial presentations	
11	19 May	What is a multispecies city? (DH)	Tutorial presentations	
12	26 May	What are new ways of thinking and acting ecologically? (EO)	Tutorial presentations	
13	2 June	What is world making? (EO)		**Reflective Journal** (40%): 5pm 5 June 2020
Examination period: 8 June to 28 June				

Dr. Emily O'Gorman – EO   Associate Professor Donna Houston – DH

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

Some lecture material and assessment has changed in accordance with the University's curriculum renewal process.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
21/02/2020	Week 13 tutorial cancelled to allow students extra time to prep final assessment
10/02/2020	A few dates corrected in the lecture schedule