



# GEOS3090

## Earth and Environmental Sciences Special Interest Seminar

Session 2, Special circumstance 2020

*Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences*

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#### **Notice**

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

## General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Permission by special approval

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

In this unit a choice of seminars may be offered, each specialising in a particular area of interest in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. The areas of interest are based upon individual staff and/or student interest. Intended seminar offers are advertised within the department, and offers are formalised during the enrolment period. Students are asked to note that University Regulations state that no unit taken under the same code number can be counted more than once for credit towards a degree; accordingly they must take care to select the most appropriate of the topics on offer. Students wishing to enrol in this unit are required to check with advisers about topics on offer prior to enrolling.

## 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:** competently access, use and synthesise appropriate information

**ULO2:** apply knowledge to solving problems and evaluating ideas and information

**ULO3:** show capacity to present ideas clearly with supporting evidence

**ULO4:** communicate scientific information and concepts through oral, visual and written formats

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">Literature Review I</a>	40%	No	Week 5
<a href="#">Oral Presentation</a>	10%	No	Week 7
<a href="#">Essay</a>	10%	No	Week 10
<a href="#">Analysis Report</a>	40%	No	Week 13

### Literature Review I

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Literature review

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 60 hours

Due: **Week 5**

Weighting: **40%**

Undertake a literature review of a chosen topic

On successful completion you will be able to:

- competently access, use and synthesise appropriate information
- apply knowledge to solving problems and evaluating ideas and information
- show capacity to present ideas clearly with supporting evidence
- communicate scientific information and concepts through oral, visual and written formats

### Oral Presentation

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Presentation

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 10 hours

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **10%**

Give an oral presentation of the findings from your literature review

On successful completion you will be able to:

- show capacity to present ideas clearly with supporting evidence
- communicate scientific information and concepts through oral, visual and written formats

### Essay

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Essay

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 10 hours

Due: **Week 10**

Weighting: **10%**

Write a short essay on a topic chosen from a list of earth and environmental science topics

On successful completion you will be able to:

- show capacity to present ideas clearly with supporting evidence
- communicate scientific information and concepts through oral, visual and written formats

## Analysis Report

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Report

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 60 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

Undertake a review of key literature for a topic or analyse a dataset related to a particular topic and then write a report about the feasibility/soundness/value/your analysis of that topic.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- apply knowledge to solving problems and evaluating ideas and information
- show capacity to present ideas clearly with supporting evidence
- communicate scientific information and concepts through oral, visual and written formats

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<sup>1</sup> If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

<sup>2</sup> Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

## Delivery and Resources

Please see communication from Unit Convenor

## 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](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 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](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

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