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Literacies

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Department of Linguistics

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of [units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities](#).

Visit the [MQ COVID-19 information page](#) for more detail.

General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MAppLing or MAppLingTESOL or MTransInterMAppLingTESOL or MAccComm

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

In this unit you will be introduced to the theory and practice of literacy studies from a social perspective. Drawing on social theories and research in literacy and linguistics, you will particularly focus on the sociolinguistics of language learning and multilingualism. In the unit, you will explore the nature of literacies, schooled and grassroots literacies, and literacies in their social, global, historical and technological contexts. Throughout the unit, you are encouraged to reflect on literacies in your own field of experience and how these relate to fair and equitable access to social goods such as education, employment, welfare or community participation.

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 literacy research in a variety of social, global, historical and technological contexts.

ULO2: Critically evaluate relevant theoretical and empirical literature in literacy research and discuss a range of approaches to literacy.

ULO3: Identify and analyze the function of literacy in different communities and explore

how diverse literacies relate to fair and equitable access to social goods such as education, employment, welfare or community participation.

ULO4: Analyze and report on data relevant to the intersection between literacies and educational achievement.

ULO5: Communicate to a professional audience advanced knowledge and understanding of socially relevant issues related to literacies.

General Assessment Information

Requesting an extension to assignment due date

Assignments are due at regular intervals throughout the semester and it is therefore not possible to receive extensions. Missing a small number of assignments is unlikely not jeopardize your successful completion of the unit. If you find you cannot keep up, due to special circumstances, you may ask to be allowed to do one or more replacement tasks instead. Replacement tasks are only given in special circumstances, by completing a Special Consideration request. For more information on Special Consideration, see <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration>

Late submission of assignments

As assignments are due at regular intervals throughout the semester, late submission is not possible.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Professional writing	30%	No	Weekly
Presentation	20%	No	Individual due dates in second half of semester
Quiz 1-10	50%	No	Weekly

Professional writing

Assessment Type ¹: Professional writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **30%**

You will have to undertake 10 writing tasks throughout the term in response to prompts. Each task will be valued 3%.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of theoretical principles and recent developments in literacy research in a variety of social, global, historical and technological contexts.
- Critically evaluate relevant theoretical and empirical literature in literacy research and discuss a range of approaches to literacy.
- Identify and analyze the function of literacy in different communities and explore how diverse literacies relate to fair and equitable access to social goods such as education, employment, welfare or community participation.
- Analyze and report on data relevant to the intersection between literacies and educational achievement.
- Communicate to a professional audience advanced knowledge and understanding of socially relevant issues related to literacies.

Presentation

Assessment Type ¹: Media presentation

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Individual due dates in second half of semester**

Weighting: **20%**

You will have to undertake a group assignment and present your findings in a variety of oral and digital formats.

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- Demonstrate an understanding of theoretical principles and recent developments in literacy research in a variety of social, global, historical and technological contexts.
- Critically evaluate relevant theoretical and empirical literature in literacy research and discuss a range of approaches to literacy.
- Identify and analyze the function of literacy in different communities and explore how diverse literacies relate to fair and equitable access to social goods such as education, employment, welfare or community participation.
- Analyze and report on data relevant to the intersection between literacies and educational achievement.
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Quiz 1-10

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **50%**

You will have to undertake 10 quizzes throughout the term. Each quiz will be valued 5%.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of theoretical principles and recent developments in literacy research in a variety of social, global, historical and technological contexts.
- Critically evaluate relevant theoretical and empirical literature in literacy research and discuss a range of approaches to literacy.
- Identify and analyze the function of literacy in different communities and explore how diverse literacies relate to fair and equitable access to social goods such as education, employment, welfare or community participation.
- Analyze and report on data relevant to the intersection between literacies and educational achievement.

¹ 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.

² 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

It is essential that you frequently and regularly log on to ilearn, and peruse the resources there.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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.