APPL8100
Exploring Discourse in Context and Action
Session 2, Special circumstances 2021
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 now 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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10

Prerequisites
Admission to MAppLing or MAppLingTESOL or MTransInterMAppLingTESOL

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit focuses on the analysis of spoken, written and multimodal discourses in a range of real-life settings and domains. It locates such discourses in their historical, institutional, and local contexts and presents a range of methodologies associated with key questions raised by scholars and researchers in discourse analysis research and practice, focusing on descriptive, interpretive and explanatory analysis.

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: characterize discourse as a rich, complex phenomenon with qualities that can be understood through a wide range of different theoretical approaches.
ULO2: differentiate how discourse functions in everyday and professional encounters, emphasizing the links to be made between social and institutional practices, and discursive practices.

ULO3: apply a multi-perspectival approach to design your own discourse-related research

ULO4: analyse naturally occurring discourse in relation to key theoretical concepts.

ULO5: critique discourse theories in relation to their suitability for addressing practical problems

ULO6: appraise discussions of discourse analysis in relation to new data and contexts

**General Assessment Information**

**Requesting an extension to assignment due date**

On occasion, you may be in a situation when you aren’t able to submit an assessment task on time. Extensions 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**

If you haven’t been approved for an extension and you submit your assessment task late, penalties are applied. You should consult your unit convenor if you are in this position. Late submissions will receive a 5% per day penalty. If you submit the assessment task 10 days or more beyond the due date, without an approved extension, you will be awarded a maximum of 50% of the overall assessment marks. Weekends and public holidays are included.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Discourse Analysis Task**

Assessment Type 1: Qualitative analysis task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours
Due: Week 7
Weighting: 45%
This 2000-word task involves analysing discourse in relation to methods and theories covered in the first half of the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:
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- differentiate how discourse functions in everyday and professional encounters, emphasizing the links to be made between social and institutional practices, and discursive practices.
- apply a multi-perspectival approach to design your own discourse-related research
- analyse naturally occurring discourse in relation to key theoretical concepts.
- critique discourse theories in relation to their suitability for addressing practical problems
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Class/Group Participation
Assessment Type: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task: 10 hours
Due: Ongoing - see dates posted for each discussion forum
Weighting: 5%

Participation in online group discussion forums will be noted, but the content of your contributions will not be evaluated

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- apply a multi-perspectival approach to design your own discourse-related research
- analyse naturally occurring discourse in relation to key theoretical concepts.
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https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offers/134883/unit_guide/print
Critical Review Essay

Assessment Type 1: Essay
Indicative Time on Task 2: 45 hours
Due: Week 13
Weighting: 50%

This 4000-word essay involves writing an extended critical review essay integrating three (3) academic articles or book chapters related to a particular Theme from APPL8100

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• apply a multi-perspectival approach to design your own discourse-related research
• critique discourse theories in relation to their suitability for addressing practical problems

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 Learning Skills Unit 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

APPL8100 is delivered through a weekly two-hour on-campus seminar, which is also broadcast via a video-conferencing platform (e.g. Zoom). This weekly session is recorded and is made available through Echo 360. It is essential for students to listen each to these recordings in full if they are not able to attend in real time.

Lecture slides and other material will be posted weekly on the APPL8100 iLearn site.

There is a textbook for this unit: Candlin, C.N., Crichton, J., & Moore, S.H. (2017). Exploring Discourse in Context and in Action. Palgrave Macmillan. This book is available to Macquarie students as an e-book through the Macquarie University Library, or students may purchase their own copy if they prefer.

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/134883/unit_guide/print
Participation in online discussion forums is part of the assessment for this unit, and the discussion topics, dates and instructions will be posted on the APPL8100 iLearn site.

**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/admin/other-resources/student-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/](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](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.