ANTH3010
Culture, Myth and Religion
Session 1, Fully online/virtual 2021
Macquarie School of Social 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 activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face 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

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
130cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
All our social practices have a cultural dimension that is as profound as any material imperative such as earning a livelihood. In the twentieth century anthropologists concerned with the study of culture came to focus on systems of symbols and meaning. In this unit we will ground the study of symbols and meaning in three dimensions of human existence. First, we understand the world around us as specific kinds of meaningful places rather than as a neutral backdrop to meaning. Second, our own bodies and sensory bodily practices are the primary vehicle and means for this capacity to make the world meaningful. Third, we experience ourselves as creatures who inhabit time, but in quite varied and distinctive ways. Throughout, the emphasis will be on how we as students of culture have our own experiences of place, of embodiment, of ritual, of symbol and myth, of death, and of happier experiences such as music and song. We will read broadly from rich ethnographies of other places and people, and we will also create spaces to explore our own experiences as cultural beings through story telling.

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:

ULO2: Implement core anthropological methods based on description and analysis.
ULO1: Develop participatory skills in group discussion based on prior preparation.
ULO3: Examine and evaluate a range of ethnographic and theoretical texts.
**ULO4:** Demonstrate critical analysis and creative thinking skills.

**ULO5:** Demonstrate understanding of core of anthropology’s contribution to study of culture, religion, ritual.

### General Assessment Information

Please refer to the iLearn page for all information regarding assessments

### Assessment Tasks

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#### Preparation Participation and Leading Group Discussion (for external students)

- **Assessment Type:** Participatory task
- **Indicative Time on Task:** 40 hours
- **Due:** on going
- **Weighting:** 30%

Students will prepare for an online discussion forum, in which they will participate and take turns in leading discussion.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop participatory skills in group discussion based on prior preparation.
- Examine and evaluate a range of ethnographic and theoretical texts.
- Demonstrate understanding of core of anthropology’s contribution to study of culture, religion, ritual.

### Take-home Exam

- **Assessment Type:** Quiz/Test
- **Indicative Time on Task:** 25 hours
- **Due:** 01/04/2021
Weighting: 40%

A choice of three topics out of which students will answer 2 questions and the answer will be in the form of an account of 1000 words each.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Implement core anthropological methods based on description and analysis.
• Examine and evaluate a range of ethnographic and theoretical texts.
• Demonstrate critical analysis and creative thinking skills.
• Demonstrate understanding of core of anthropology’s contribution to study of culture, religion, ritual.

Long Essay
Assessment Type: Essay
Indicative Time on Task: 15 hours
Due: 07/06/2021
Weighting: 30%

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Implement core anthropological methods based on description and analysis.
• Examine and evaluate a range of ethnographic and theoretical texts.
• Demonstrate critical analysis and creative thinking skills.
• Demonstrate understanding of core of anthropology’s contribution to study of culture, religion, ritual.

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

All learning resources will be available on the iLearn page.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (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). 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) 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 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)

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Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/disability_service) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**

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