



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

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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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

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Preparation Participation and Leading Group Discussion (for external students)	30%	No	on going
Take-home Exam	40%	No	01/04/2021
Long Essay	30%	No	07/06/2021

Preparation Participation and Leading Group Discussion (for external students)

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 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 ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **01/04/2021**

Weighting: **40%**

A choice of three topics out 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 ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **07/06/2021**

Weighting: **30%**

Long Essay

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 [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

All learning resources will be available on the iLearn page

Policies and Procedures

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