



ANTH3008

Psychological Anthropology

Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2021

Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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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

130cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Around the world and across time, human cultural variation has extended into the depths of the human psyche, shaping different ways of being human. Are we all the same or do the ways we treat emotion, conflict, social interaction, cognition, and other dimensions of life result in differences among people? Psychological anthropology has traditionally focused on such themes, investigating the cultural dimensions of self, personality, cognition, emotion, normalcy and deviance, seeking to understand both the variant and universal features of human emotional, cognitive, and social life. Students will have the opportunity to explore an area of personal interest in psychological anthropology.

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 mastery of psychological anthropology, analysing and discussing the literature and central theories related to psychological anthropology and the broader study of cultural practices in their social and cultural contexts.

ULO2: Discover the variety of humanity, including the peculiarity of Western traits, ways we understand ourselves, and social roles.

ULO3: Interrogate 'human nature' to better understand the relationship between universal traits and variability.

ULO4: Explore the role of social setting and norms in shaping human development.

ULO5: Actively participate in collegial discussion of anthropological theory.

ULO6: Gain greater understanding of techniques for investigating experience, including ethnography, field research, and comparative approaches.

ULO7: Improve writing and critical reading skills.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Online Weekly quiz	20%	No	Weekly
Take-Home Midterm exam	20%	No	30/9/2021
Research Essay	25%	No	22/10/2021
Final exam	20%	No	8/11/2021
In-tutorial discussion questions	15%	No	Weekly

Online Weekly quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 6 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will be expected to take a weekly quiz online based on the readings, lecture and tutorial activity. The quiz will close prior to the lecture in the following week.

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- Discover the variety of humanity, including the peculiarity of Western traits, ways we understand ourselves, and social roles.
- Gain greater understanding of techniques for investigating experience, including ethnography, field research, and comparative approaches.

Take-Home Midterm exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **30/9/2021**

Weighting: **20%**

Take-Home Midterm exam

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Improve writing and critical reading skills.

Research Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **22/10/2021**

Weighting: **25%**

Research Essay (2000 word maximum)

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- Discover the variety of humanity, including the peculiarity of Western traits, ways we understand ourselves, and social roles.
- Interrogate 'human nature' to better understand the relationship between universal traits and variability.

- Explore the role of social setting and norms in shaping human development.
- Gain greater understanding of techniques for investigating experience, including ethnography, field research, and comparative approaches.
- Improve writing and critical reading skills.

Final exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **8/11/2021**

Weighting: **20%**

Final Exam after the last lecture of the session.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate mastery of psychological anthropology, analysing and discussing the literature and central theories related to psychological anthropology and the broader study of cultural practices in their social and cultural contexts.
- Interrogate 'human nature' to better understand the relationship between universal traits and variability.
- Gain greater understanding of techniques for investigating experience, including ethnography, field research, and comparative approaches.
- Improve writing and critical reading skills.

In-tutorial discussion questions

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 12 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **15%**

Each week, the tutorial (online and on campus) sets the students a series of tasks, including a participatory task depending upon the material for that week.

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- Explore the role of social setting and norms in shaping human development.
 - Actively participate in collegial discussion of anthropological theory.
 - Improve writing and critical reading skills.
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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 lectures will be pre-recorded; tutorials will be made available for both online and asynchronous (bulletin board) attendance. Every effort will be made to make the delivery flexible for students in order to best accommodate the changing conditions and health and well-being concerns.

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

The unit is being offered at this level for the first time in 2021. There will be significant changes from the previous year as well because the convenor of the unit has changed and an entirely new curriculum introduced.