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Visual Countercultures: Graffiti, Kitsch and Conceptual Art

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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

Unit convenor and teaching staff

Convenor, Lecturer and Tutor

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Please see ilearn

Credit points

10

Prerequisites

40cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit introduces students to a range of frameworks that question traditional hierarchies of value and that enable a critical re-evaluation of the practices of everyday life. This unit explores key topics such as: countercultures; oppositional cultures and sites of protest; the politics of high versus popular and low culture; and counter-cultural practices in global and local contexts.

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: evaluate those practices of everyday life that are often dismissed as worthless or ephemeral.

ULO2: analyse hierarchies of value that classify, judge and position cultural objects and practices.

ULO3: communicate theorised, contextualised and informed accounts of key issues and problems in the context of countercultural practices.

ULO4: employ cultural literacy skills to analyse cultural difference and ethical relations across diverse social and political contexts.

General Assessment Information

Please note that the University and the Faculty of Arts have launched a new assessment policy effective as of 1 July 2021. This new policy particularly affects LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS.

The Faculty policy in relation to late assessment submissions is as follows:

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests, etc.

To be very clear:

- Unless you have applied for special consideration and had your application approved, for each day your assignment is late, 10 marks will be deducted. For example, if you submit your assignment 7 days late, 70 marks will be deducted, which means you will fail that assignment.
- If your assignment is more than 7 days late (including weekends), you will get 0 for your assignment.

These are serious penalties that will substantially alter your final grade and even determine whether you pass or fail this unit. Please make every effort to submit your assignment by the due date.

If you find you cannot submit your assignment on time, please apply for Special Consideration through AskMQ. Make sure you read Macquarie University's policy regarding Special Consideration requests before you apply: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/special-consideration>

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Concept Video	20%	No	23:59 20/08/2021
Visual Analysis	30%	No	23:59 27/09/2021
Final Essay	50%	No	23:59 03/11/2021

Concept Video

Assessment Type ¹: Media presentation

Indicative Time on Task ²: 18 hours

Due: **23:59 20/08/2021**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will create a short online video on selected course concepts. They will submit their video and transcript for assessment. Refer to iLearn for further information.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- communicate theorised, contextualised and informed accounts of key issues and problems in the context of countercultural practices.

Visual Analysis

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 27 hours

Due: **23:59 27/09/2021**

Weighting: **30%**

Students will build on their understanding of the key concepts to perform a visual analysis. Refer to iLearn for further information.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- analyse hierarchies of value that classify, judge and position cultural objects and practices.
- communicate theorised, contextualised and informed accounts of key issues and problems in the context of countercultural practices.

Final Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 45 hours

Due: **23:59 03/11/2021**

Weighting: **50%**

Students are required to write a final essay in response to questions available in iLearn. Refer to iLearn for further information.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- evaluate those practices of everyday life that are often dismissed as worthless or ephemeral.
- analyse hierarchies of value that classify, judge and position cultural objects and practices.
- communicate theorised, contextualised and informed accounts of key issues and problems in the context of countercultural practices.
- employ cultural literacy skills to analyse cultural difference and ethical relations across diverse social and political contexts.

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

Unit Delivery:

Lectures and tutorials begin in week one. Please consult the [MQ timetable here](#) for further information.

Unit Resources:

This readings and resources required for this unit are available via ilearn and the University Library. If you have any questions, please let Jillian know via email.

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) (<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.