



GEOP1010

Introducing Human Geography

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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

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The interconnectedness of distinctive places and people across the planet is at the heart of many urgent contemporary issues, including climate change, migration, geopolitical conflict, and cultural transformation. This unit equips students to engage with these issues by introducing the key approaches used by geographers to explore and explain the spatial variations and interconnections of political, cultural, social, economic and environmental processes that shape the world today. The unit draws on historical and contemporary case studies to examine a range of different geographical perspectives, while maintaining a focus on the core concepts and theories that constitute the discipline of human geography. The unit ultimately aims to provide an understanding of how the discipline of geography is understood and practiced, and explore how geographic knowledge and skills can be used to analyse contemporary social and environmental challenges.

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: Describe the overarching field of geography, and the range of human geography subdisciplines

ULO2: Apply geographical approaches to the analysis of cultural, social, political, environmental and economic processes at a range of scales

ULO3: Identify and explain core concepts in human geography, including space, place, landscape, region, flow and scale, and their relevance in an interdisciplinary context

ULO4: Demonstrate spatial literacy skills by reading and critiquing texts, images, maps and landscapes

ULO5: Write, research and communicate in academically appropriate ways

General Assessment Information

Late Submission Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments - e.g. quizzes, online tests.

To successfully pass GEOP1010 students must complete all assessment tasks. Failure to complete any single assessment task may result in failure of the unit. The final grade is based on the total mark accumulated from all assessment tasks.

All students must keep a clean electronic copy of all assignments (preferably as a PDF) submitted for assessment.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Geo Challenge	30%	No	19/03/2021
Research essay	40%	No	7/05/2021
Open-book task	30%	No	Week 13

Geo Challenge

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **19/03/2021**

Weighting: **30%**

Group-based activities analysing and evaluating key concepts including place, landscape and territoriality, the results of which will be presented in a group poster. Internal students will be organised into groups in tutorials and conduct Geo Challenge activities on Macquarie Campus,

while online students will form groups and conduct activities online.

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Research essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **7/05/2021**

Weighting: **40%**

A 2000 word research essay drawing on academic geographical literature to develop critical analyses of a contemporary case study

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Open-book task

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **30%**

Students will have three days to complete a series of questions related to core unit content, in an open-book format. Students will be required to make reference to relevant geographical literature and to analyse data as part of their question responses.

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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

Lectures

Lectures (each fifty minutes) will be recorded and accessible via:

<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-students/lecture-recordings>

Tutorials

GEOP1010 has a full schedule of online and on-campus tutorials that enhance your general and discipline-specific skills and knowledge. It is important that you attend all tutorials for GEOP1010. Please register for your tutorial via eStudent, and attend the same tutorial each week.

Recommended Texts and/or Materials

Most of the readings come from the following textbook:

Daniels, P., Bradshaw, M., Shaw, D., Sidaway, J. & Hall, T. (Eds) (2016) *An Introduction to Human Geography. 5th Edition*. Pearson: Harlow. (Note that earlier editions of the textbook are

fine for the purposes of this unit).

Other readings will be assigned during the session which may be accessed via iLearn and eReserve.

Unit webpage

The webpage for this unit can be found at iLearn, the Macquarie University online learning system at <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au>. iLearn has both a discussion board and an internal email system. The webpage will provide you with access to lectures through the University's echo360 lecture recording facility, as well as to follow-up discussion, links, readings and forum discussions. Access to the website is essential to complete GEOP1010.

Unit Schedule

GEOP1010 consists of the following modules:

1. Introduction to Human Geography
2. Cultural Geography
3. Urban Geography
4. Political Geography
5. Geographies of Development
6. Environmental Humanities
7. Conclusion/Review

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)

[du.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.