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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
Unit Convener
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Please view consultation hours via iLearn - https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login

Credit points
10

Prerequisites
20cp at 1000 level

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
International business includes all business activities that involve organisations from two or more countries. Although international business has many similarities with domestic business, there are significant differences which this unit examines. At an international level, managers must accommodate a highly complex environment. Key variables in this environment include: different currencies; different government policies concerning trade; subsidies and controls on foreign investment; as well as the variables that exist in any domestic environment such as competition, costs and customer characteristics. Topics examined in the unit include: forms of international business; the political and cultural context of international business; theories of international trade and investment; regional economic integration; and an introduction to multilateral institutions such as the IMF, the World Bank group and the World Trade Organisation.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Identify the complexity, challenges, opportunities, changes and contrasts of the international business environment.
ULO2: Analyse and communicate the core principles of contemporary IB theory to international business development and practice as an individual and as part of a group.

ULO3: Critically analyse and integrate literature on international business to solve problems

ULO4: Evaluate international business decisions, systems and/or policies.

General Assessment Information

Late Assessment Policy:

Late assessment submissions must be submitted through the appropriate submission link in iLearn. No extensions will be granted unless an application for Special Consideration is made and approved. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late. Late submissions will not be accepted after solutions have been discussed and/or made available.

Note: applications for Special Consideration Policy must be made within 5 (five) business days of the due date and time.

Assessment Tasks

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<th>Weighting</th>
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<td>Participation</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Group report and presentation</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Report due Week 6; Presentation due Week 11</td>
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<td>Online Final Exam</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>University Examination Period</td>
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Participation

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 0 hours
Due: Ongoing
Weighting: 10%

Individual participation throughout the unit will be graded and is worth 10%.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Identify the complexity, challenges, opportunities, changes and contrasts of the international business environment.
- Analyse and communicate the core principles of contemporary IB theory to international
business development and practice as an individual and as part of a group.

Group report and presentation

Assessment Type 1: Project
Indicative Time on Task 2: 35 hours
Due: Report due Week 6; Presentation due Week 11
Weighting: 50%

This assessment has two components, worth 50% of the total mark for the unit. One component is a group report of 4,000 words and worth 25%. The other component is an individual oral presentation of up to 3 minutes, also worth 25%.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Identify the complexity, challenges, opportunities, changes and contrasts of the international business environment.
• Analyse and communicate the core principles of contemporary IB theory to international business development and practice as an individual and as part of a group.
• Critically analyse and integrate literature on international business to solve problems
• Evaluate international business decisions, systems and/or policies.

Online Final Exam

Assessment Type 1: Examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: University Examination Period
Weighting: 40%

A two-hour online examination, administered via iLearn and worth 40%, will be held during the University Examination Period.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Identify the complexity, challenges, opportunities, changes and contrasts of the international business environment.
• Analyse and communicate the core principles of contemporary IB theory to international business development and practice as an individual and as part of a group.
• Evaluate international business decisions, systems and/or policies.
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

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<td>Unit web page</td>
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<td>Students are required to have access to a personal computer and familiarise themselves with iLearn (<a href="https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/">https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/</a>). iLearn will be used to post lecture slides, assessment details, student grades and as a means of communication between staff members and students.</td>
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### Delivery Format and Other Details

- Number and length of classes: 1 x 2 hour lecture and 1 x 1 hour tutorial, i.e. 3 hours face to face per week unless indicated otherwise in the lecture schedule. Classes may vary due to public holiday(s)
- Tutorials will commence in Week 1.
- The timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at: [http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/](http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/)

### Recommended readings

Recommended readings are provided via Leganto on the iLearn Unit page

### Inherent Requirements

Tutorial attendance is required in the allocated Presentation week in order to complete the presentation component of the “Group Report and Presentation” assessment.

## Unit Schedule

Please see iLearn.

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). 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 (Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity 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.

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.