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Notice
Some on-campus classes have moved online for the first two weeks of Session, before returning to campus in Week 3. If you are studying a unit outside of the primary Session 2 timetable, please contact your teaching staff team for further details.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. To find out if you are enrolled in one of these classes/teaching activities, you can check to see if your unit is on the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Your Unit Convenor will provide more information via an iLearn announcement when your iLearn unit becomes available.
General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
50cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit explores the concept of national resilience. It identifies the role of government in preparing for, managing and recovering from a broad range of crises. The unit begins with an overview of risk reduction strategies and introduces the concept of contingency planning. It then examines the various kinds of crisis response capabilities that government develop, including interagency and state-federal coordination procedures, interoperability of equipment and ADF domestic counterterrorism capabilities. The unit then discusses emergency coordination and management in a variety of contexts, including natural disasters, a large-scale mass transit accident, a nuclear, chemical or biological incident, a viral epidemic, a terrorist attack and critical infrastructure failure. Finally, the unit examines planning for national resilience capacity, the ability to recover from unexpected and debilitating crises. These potent threats to national security are outside the threat-centric concept of homeland security and require a more risk-based approach to planning and preparation.

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: Explain the concept of resilience as it applies to national security, preparedness planning, crisis response and emergency management
ULO2: Identify key threats to and vulnerabilities of critical national infrastructure
ULO3: Apply risk analysis models to a range of crisis response options available to
government or business organisations

**ULO4:** Prioritise resilience planning tasks in accordance with business continuity principles appropriate to private and public sector organisations

**ULO5:** Critically evaluate coordination mechanisms between levels of government, across public and private organisations and among private sector organisations

**ULO6:** Employ emergency management principles to assess the applicability of coordination methods for different crisis scenarios.

### General Assessment Information

**New Late penalty statement**

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.

### Assessment Tasks

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**Risk Assessment Exercise**

Assessment Type ¹: Project  
Indicative Time on Task ²: 17.6 hours  
Due: **Sunday 11.55pm 29th August**  
Weighting: **20%**

This assessment task is a written exercise that draws upon research to examine the process of risk assessment.
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify key threats to and vulnerabilities of critical national infrastructure

**Quiz on Weeks 2 - 7**

**Assessment Type**: Quiz/Test  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 13 hours  
**Due**: Open Sunday 19th Sept @ 11am CLOSES Sunday 26th Sept @ 11pm  
**Weighting**: 15%

Multi choice quiz will capture the key theories, concepts and practical application of both readings and master lecture content. The readings and master class information form the basis of Crisis Management and Disaster Relief for students.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the concept of resilience as it applies to national security, preparedness planning, crisis response and emergency management
- Apply risk analysis models to a range of crisis response options available to government or business organisations
- Prioritise resilience planning tasks in accordance with business continuity principles appropriate to private and public sector organisations
- Employ emergency management principles to assess the applicability of coordination methods for different crisis scenarios.

**Essay**

**Assessment Type**: Essay  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 44 hours  
**Due**: Sunday 11.55pm 17th October  
**Weighting**: 50%

Produce a 1500 word essay that answers one of six essay questions posted to iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the concept of resilience as it applies to national security, preparedness
planning, crisis response and emergency management

- Prioritise resilience planning tasks in accordance with business continuity principles appropriate to private and public sector organisations
- Critically evaluate coordination mechanisms between levels of government, across public and private organisations and among private sector organisations

Quiz on Weeks 8 - 11

Assessment Type: 1 Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task: 2 13 hours
Due: Open Sunday 24th Oct @ 11am. CLOSES Sunday 31st Oct @ 11pm
Weighting: 15%

Multi choice quiz will capture the key theories, concepts and practical application of both readings and master lecture content. The readings and master class information form the basis of Crisis Management and Disaster Relief for students.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Explain the concept of resilience as it applies to national security, preparedness planning, crisis response and emergency management
- Identify key threats to and vulnerabilities of critical national infrastructure
- Critically evaluate coordination mechanisms between levels of government, across public and private organisations and among private sector organisations
- Employ emergency management principles to assess the applicability of coordination methods for different crisis scenarios.

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.

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

Resources are in ilearn, readings & websites
Unit Schedule

Week 1 - Introduction & National EM Arrangements
Week 2 - Legislative Responsibilities of Combat Agencies
Week 3 - What is Critical Infrastructure? What is Risk Assessment?
Week 4 - What does it mean to have a resilient state during a pandemic?
Week 5 - Disaster Preparation Ebola Outbreak
Week 6 - NZ Christchurch Earthquake. EM Disaster Logistics
Week 7 - Why Does Emergency Management and Response Fail?
Week 8 - Essay Q & A
Week 9 - EM & supply chain continuity during Covid
Week 10 - What Do Emergency Managers Do?
Week 11 - Institutional trust in government in EM
Week 12 - Public - Private Sector in EM during Covid

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.