ABST1000
Introducing Indigenous Australia
Session 2, Online-flexible 2022
Department of Indigenous Studies

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General Information

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Credit points
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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit introduces students to contemporary Indigenous thought, culture and politics in Australia. Students in this unit learn about Indigenous futurism and activism, the history of race and settler colonialism in Australia, and Indigenous studies and decolonial thinking. Students will also be introduced to contemporary expressions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and identities. This is a transformative unit that provides students with skills and knowledge to be agents of change in their communities and the world at large.

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: Comprehend settler colonialism and race and racism in an Australian context
ULO2: Discuss the social, cultural and political issues that drive Indigenous activism
ULO3: Appreciate the diversity of contemporary Indigenous identities and cultures
ULO4: Interrogate colonial discourses about race and gender
ULO5: Examine own relationship to colonial power structures and knowledge
General Assessment Information

Lecture Quizzes
Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours Due: Week 3, Week 6, Week 9, Week 12 Weighting: 30%

Students will be required to complete a total of four Quizzes based on lecture content. Details will be provided on the iLearn site. On successful completion you will be able to:

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Essay Intro
Assessment Type 1: Plan Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours Due: 3 October Weighting: 20%

Students will write an introduction paragraph in preparation for their major essay. Further details will be provided on the iLearn site.

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Major Essay
Assessment Type 1: Essay Indicative Time on Task 2: 40 hours Due: 7 November Weighting: 40%

Students will write a 1500 word essay. Details will be provided on the iLearn site

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- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this
type of assessment

• the Writing Centre 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

**Participation**

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

Weekly participation in tutorial. Further details will be outlined in iLearn.

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**Late Assessment Submission Penalty**

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a **5% penalty (of the total possible mark)** will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of ‘0’ (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue.

This late penalty will apply to written reports and recordings only. **Late submission of time sensitive tasks** (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs will be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application.)

**Terminology protocols for Indigenous Studies**

In Australia there are two distinct Indigenous peoples: Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people.

When writing about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders do not use the acronym ‘ATSI’, write in full. Capital letters should always be used when referring to Aboriginal peoples and or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

While Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are acceptable terms to use, it should be recognised that these are collective terms and often used improperly to impose a single identity on the many different communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people generally prefer to be known by the language/cultural groups or communities, to which they belong, that is, own names rather than terms such 'the Aboriginals' or 'the Islanders'. For example, Aboriginal people in the area surrounding
Macquarie University may refer to themselves as Dharug. It is important that you always check the correct name or terms to use for people in the area/region.

The use of incorrect, inappropriate or dated terminology is to be avoided as it can give offence. Many historical terms or those in common usage some years ago are now not acceptable, including terms such as 'aborigine’ ‘native’, ‘savage’ and ‘primitive’. Similarly, do not use the terms ‘half-caste’, ‘part-Aborigine/Aboriginal’ or any reference to skin colour or physical features, as they do not signify that a person is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and may cause offence. When quoting from academic or other sources that uses inappropriate, dated terminology or racist language, use (sic) directly after the inappropriate term of phrase, thus calling attention to the fact that it has been sourced from the original and that you understand it to be outdated, inappropriate or problematic in the contemporary context.

For more information please refer to the Terminology Guide available in iLearn.

### Assessment Tasks

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### Delivery and Resources

ABST1000 weekly material (weekly topic descriptions, weekly readings and weekly tutorial questions can be accessed at: [http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/](http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/).

Students are required to watch online lectures via Echo360 and respond to the weekly tutorial questions in online forums or face to face or Zoom tutorials. If you are unable to attend a tutorial please email your tutor and let them know about your situation, your tutor may decide to set you some work to catch up.

The library provides study skills support. Information about library resources and study skills is available at: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study)

PC and Internet access are required. Basic computer skills (e.g. internet browsing) and skills in word processing are also a requirement.

Please consult teaching staff for any further, more specific requirements.

### 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:
Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student 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) 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

**Academic Integrity**

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

**The Writing Centre**

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

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.