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General Information

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Prerequisites
Admission to MIndigenousEd

Corequisites
NCCW (pre-2020 units)

Co-badged status

Unit description
Trauma and intergeneration trauma continue to impact Indigenous communities in Australia and around the world. This unit will provide a detailed understanding of trauma and trauma informed education as it relates to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, children and communities. It is a multi-disciplinary unit that aims to increase skills including being able to apply critical thinking, collaborative practices and judgement when working individually and within communities across service provision with children, families and communities experiencing ongoing trauma.

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: Demonstrated knowledge of trauma and intergenerational trauma that impacts Indigenous people and communities.

ULO2: Understand the neuroscience behind the behaviours presented by Indigenous students and families who have experienced complex trauma.

ULO3: Demonstrated understanding of the principles of trauma informed educational
pedagogy and practices.

**ULO4**: Develop trauma-informed strategies and policies that will minimise the risk to Indigenous students and staff.

**ULO5**: Demonstrated high level of written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.

**ULO6**: Confidently use online communication forums and engage in informed interactive learning.

# General Assessment Information

**Late Submission Penalty**

*Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved,*

(a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10/100 marks of credit (10% of the total assessment weighting) 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 assessment - e.g., quizzes, online tests. A zero result for the assignment will be recorded after the late submission period has ended if no task has been received and Special Consideration has not been approved.

We stress that you review

- the complete assessment schedule for each unit in which you are enrolled and plan accordingly.
- the Special Consideration procedure, eligibility criteria and application process if you encounter short disruptions to your studies.
- the Student Wellbeing support services available to you if you have ongoing personal circumstances which impact on your studies and are not eligible for Special Consideration.

# 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 racists 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.

Referencing

Referencing is an essential component of academic writing or presentation since it enables the reader to follow up the source of ideas and information presented in your work, and to examine the interpretation you place on the material discovered in your research. Reliable referencing clearly indicates where you have drawn your own conclusions from the evidence presented. Importantly, much of the material you will use is covered by copyright which means that you must acknowledge any source of information, including books, journals, newsprint, images and the internet. It is obligatory for students to reference all sources used in their written work including electronic material. Students should consult the University library website for a detailed explanation and examples of how to reference electronic material correctly Different programs use different referencing styles to reflect the needs of their discipline. It is the student’s responsibility to check which referencing style is used. Indigenous Studies use the Harvard and APA referencing style

Assessment Tasks

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Participatory Tasks

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 26 hours
Due: Weekly by Sunday 5pm
Weighting: 30%

You will be required to actively participate in weekly online tutorial activities. These will be available on a weekly basis on iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Demonstrated knowledge of trauma and intergenerational trauma that impacts Indigenous people and communities.
• Understand the neuroscience behind the behaviours presented by Indigenous students and families who have experienced complex trauma.
• Demonstrated understanding of the principles of trauma informed educational pedagogy and practices.
• Confidently use online communication forums and engage in informed interactive learning.

Minor Essay

Assessment Type 1: Essay
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: Week 4, 19th August 2022
Weighting: 30%

The essay requires a critical analysis and discussion of trauma and intergenerational trauma in local context.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Demonstrated knowledge of trauma and intergenerational trauma that impacts Indigenous people and communities.
• Understand the neuroscience behind the behaviours presented by Indigenous students and families who have experienced complex trauma.
• Demonstrated high level of written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.

Trauma Informed Plan

Assessment Type 1: Plan
Indicative Time on Task 2: 40 hours
Due: Week 12, 28th October 2022
Weighting: **40%**

Develop a plan or strategy for use in the workplace that addresses the principles of trauma informed teaching

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrated knowledge of trauma and intergenerational trauma that impacts Indigenous people and communities.
- Understand the neuroscience behind the behaviours presented by Indigenous students and families who have experienced complex trauma.
- Demonstrated understanding of the principles of trauma informed educational pedagogy and practices.
- Develop trauma-informed strategies and policies that will minimise the risk to Indigenous students and staff.
- Demonstrated high level of written communication skills including structuring and supporting an academic argument.

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.

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**

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:

- **Academic Appeals Policy**
- **Academic Integrity Policy**
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
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
• **Complete the 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

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/](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.