



AHIS2302

Archaeology and Society: Archaeological Evidence

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Department of History and Archaeology

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General Information

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By arrangement

Credit points

10

Prerequisites

40cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is an introduction to archaeological study of ancient Mediterranean societies, with particular reference to Greek culture. It investigates how archaeological fieldwork is conducted and focuses on the artefacts and sites of the ancient societies, all with the aim of better understanding the people who made and used those artefacts and who lived out their lives in those sites. This unit also incorporates practical analytical exercises of artefacts in the University's Museum.

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: Employ appropriate handling techniques when dealing with ancient artefacts.

ULO2: Identify the place of manufacture, time period, and original use of artefacts from the time periods covered in this unit.

ULO3: Identify and discuss the relative values of different archaeological theories and methods

ULO4: Extract historical information from ancient remains in order to understand the

society that produced them.

ULO5: Identify, analyse, and interpret archaeological artefacts and site plans.

General Assessment Information

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 non-timed sensitive assessment (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Online Quizzes	40%	No	Week 2-7 and 8-11
Artefact Presentation	20%	No	24/4/23 midnight
Research Essay	40%	No	28/5/23 midnight

Online Quizzes

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 2 hours

Due: **Week 2-7 and 8-11**

Weighting: **40%**

There will be 10 online quizzes.

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- Extract historical information from ancient remains in order to understand the society that

produced them.

Artefact Presentation

Assessment Type ¹: Media presentation

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **24/4/23 midnight**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will analyse and research an artefact from the Museum's collection as an archaeologist would, and then prepare a media presentation on it.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Employ appropriate handling techniques when dealing with ancient artefacts.
- Identify the place of manufacture, time period, and original use of artefacts from the time periods covered in this unit.
- Extract historical information from ancient remains in order to understand the society that produced them.
- Identify, analyse, and interpret archaeological artefacts and site plans.

Research Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **28/5/23 midnight**

Weighting: **40%**

The students will research an archaeological site in order to discuss the society of the people who lived there.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Employ appropriate handling techniques when dealing with ancient artefacts.
- Identify the place of manufacture, time period, and original use of artefacts from the time periods covered in this unit.
- Identify and discuss the relative values of different archaeological theories and methods
- Extract historical information from ancient remains in order to understand the society that produced them.

- Identify, analyse, and interpret archaeological artefacts and site plans.
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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

Please see the iLearn site.

Unit Schedule

Please see the iLearn site.

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](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution 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) 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](#).

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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](#)

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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 Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

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.