BIOL3640
PACE: Experience in Biological Sciences
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School of Natural Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
130cp at 1000 level or above including 40cp in BIOL units

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This PACE unit provides an opportunity for students to engage with the community through a variety of activities. Examples might include group activities with a regional or local focus on public-sector agencies, professional bodies, companies, industry partners and not-for-profit organisations. The unit promotes learning through participation with community partners as well as the development of Course Learning Outcomes and professional skills. Students will be encouraged to apply theory learnt through their degree to real-world situations. Student learning will be facilitated through orientation and induction activities, scaffolding for skill, and knowledge development and debriefing; supported throughout by rigorous academic assessment.

Visit Employability Connect for important information on this unit including required preparation and closing dates for PACE activities.

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: Critically reflect on the core knowledge and skills you have developed throughout your university course.
ULO2: Effectively communicate your professional capabilities to potential colleagues and employers.
ULO3: Apply your core knowledge and skills to real-life tasks.

ULO4: Articulate and demonstrate how engaging with others can contribute to the well-being of people, communities, and the planet.

ULO5: Identify how to integrate your discipline-specific knowledge and transferable skills to embark on your chosen career path.

General Assessment Information

Requirements to Pass this Unit To pass this unit you must: - Achieve a total mark equal to or greater than 50%

Late Assessment Submission Penalty Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark of the task) will be applied for each day a written report or presentation assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of ‘0’ will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. The submission time for all uploaded assessments is 11:55 pm. A 1-hour grace period will be provided to students who experience a technical concern. For any late submission of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, please apply for Special Consideration.

Special Consideration The Special Consideration Policy aims to support students who have been impacted by short-term circumstances or events that are serious, unavoidable and significantly disruptive, and which may affect their performance in assessment. If you experience circumstances or events that affect your ability to complete the assessments in this unit on time, please inform the convenor and submit a Special Consideration request through ask.mq.edu.au.

Assessment Tasks

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iLearn Post
Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 3 hours
Due: 24/02/23 and 19/05/23
Weighting: 15%
This assignment comprises an iLearn Post focusing on your learning journey.

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- Articulate and demonstrate how engaging with others can contribute to the well-being of people, communities, and the planet.
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PACE Activity Report

Assessment Type 1: Reflective Writing
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: 02/06/23
Weighting: 30%

This final assessment synthesises all of the learning objectives and outcomes in this unit. You will need to critically reflect on what you have learned in the unit, and the experience gained through your PACE activity. Then effectively communicate your capabilities and how your perception of them has changed over the course of the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Critically reflect on the core knowledge and skills you have developed throughout your university course.
- Effectively communicate your professional capabilities to potential colleagues and employers.
- Apply your core knowledge and skills to real-life tasks.
- Articulate and demonstrate how engaging with others can contribute to the well-being of people, communities, and the planet.
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Short essay

Assessment Type 1: Essay
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: 28/04/23
Weighting: **30%**

This assessment requires you to demonstrate your understanding of key theoretical content covered in the BIOL3640 workshops and online modules, then relate this content to yourself, your PACE activities, and your courses of study.

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**Host Supervisor Evaluation**

Assessment Type: Performance  
Indicative Time on Task: 9 hours
Due: **26/05/23**
Weighting: **25%**

Supervisors will provide a report on student performance, progress, abilities acquired and attendance throughout placement, however the unit convenor will grade performance.

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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

Workshops

There will be a single workshop time slot on Mondays from 3-430pm (4 Western Rd Rm 320) starting week 1

Covid information

For the latest information on the University’s response to COVID-19, please refer to the Coronavirus infection page on the Macquarie website: https://www.mq.edu.au/about/coronavirus-faqs. Remember to check this page regularly in case the information and requirements change during semester. If there are any changes to this unit in relation to COVID, these will be communicated via iLearn.

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
- 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). 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 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.