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Geography in the Secondary School II

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Macquarie School of Education

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General Information

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By appointment

Credit points

10

Prerequisites

(EDTE4250 or TEP425) and (TEP401 or EDTE4010 or EDST3010)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit focuses on the teaching of Geography in Years 11 and 12. It provides students with greater depth, especially in terms of the teaching strategies related to Geography's inquiry-based methodology (geographic skills, contemporary issues, fieldwork and the Senior Geography Project).

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: Demonstrates a detailed knowledge of the philosophy, structure, content and inquiry based methodologies of the NSW Stage 6 Geography syllabus.

ULO2: Designs and implement coherent lesson sequences drawing on their knowledge of the NSW Stage 6 Geography syllabus.

ULO3: Demonstrates the capacity to identify and articulate clear and appropriate learning goals in lesson preparation including a focus on literacy.

ULO4: Demonstrates knowledge of students' varied approached to learning and the

need to cater for these by differentiating the curriculum.

ULO5: Demonstrates an ability to select, develop, use and evaluate a range of appropriate and engaging resources to support student learning.

ULO6: Employs a range of strategies to assess student achievement of learning outcomes and effectively link outcomes and assessment strategies.

ULO7: Demonstrates the ability to critically reflect on and improve teaching practice.

ULO8: Prepares for and contributes to discussions about geographical education.

ULO9: Demonstrates recognition about the range of policies and policy documents that teachers in NSW may need to comply with in schools.

General Assessment Information

- Students should be aware of and apply the University policy on academic honesty (see: <https://policies.mq.edu.au/document/view.php?id=3>)
- Unless a Special Consideration (see: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/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.
- Please format assessments using 12-point font and 1.5 spacing.
- All assessments are submitted electronically. Turnitin plagiarism detection software is used to check all written assessments.
- Students can use Turnitin's Originality Report as a learning tool to improve their academic writing if this option is made available in the unit.
- Students should carefully check that they submit the correct file for an assessment as no re-submissions will be accepted after the due date and time, including instances where

students upload an incorrect file in error.

- Word limits are strictly applied. Work above the word limit will not be marked.
- All assessments are marked using a rubric.
- Marking of all assessments is moderated by the Unit Convenor.
- Applications for extensions must be made via AskMQ (<https://ask.mq.edu.au/>).
- It is not the responsibility of unit staff to contact students who have failed to submit assessments. If you have any missing items of assessment, it is your responsibility to make contact with the unit convenor.

University policy on grading

Criteria for awarding grades for assessment tasks

Assignments will be awarded grades ranging from HD to F according to guidelines set out in the University's Grading Policy. For Professional Experience units the PE Report is marked as satisfactory or unsatisfactory and the Teaching Performance Assessment (in final PE units) is marked as not meets, meets or exceeds. The following descriptive criteria are included for your information.

Descriptive Criteria for awarding grades in the unit

In order to meet the unit outcomes and successfully pass this unit, students must make a genuine attempt at all assessment tasks. Where any submitted assessment task is considered to be unsatisfactory in this regard, the highest possible final grade that can be awarded for the unit will be 45.

Grade	Descriptor
HD (High Distinction)	Provides consistent evidence of deep and critical understanding in relation to the learning outcomes. There is substantial originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem-solving approaches; critical evaluation of problems, their solutions and their implications; creativity in application as appropriate to the discipline.
D (Distinction)	Provides evidence of integration and evaluation of critical ideas, principles and theories, distinctive insight and ability in applying relevant skills and concepts in relation to learning outcomes. There is demonstration of frequent originality in defining and analysing issues or problems and providing solutions; and the use of means of communication appropriate to the discipline and the audience.

Cr (Credit)	Provides evidence of learning that goes beyond replication of content knowledge or skills relevant to the learning outcomes. There is demonstration of substantial understanding of fundamental concepts in the field of study and the ability to apply these concepts in a variety of contexts; convincing argumentation with appropriate coherent justification; communication of ideas fluently and clearly in terms of the conventions of the discipline.
P (Pass).	Provides sufficient evidence of the achievement of learning outcomes. There is demonstration of understanding and application of fundamental concepts of the field of study; routine argumentation with acceptable justification; communication of information and ideas adequately in terms of the conventions of the discipline. The learning attainment is considered satisfactory or adequate or competent or capable in relation to the specified outcomes
F (Fail)	Does not provide evidence of attainment of learning outcomes. There is missing or partial or superficial or faulty understanding and application of the fundamental concepts in the field of study; missing, undeveloped, inappropriate or confusing argumentation; incomplete, confusing or lacking communication of ideas in ways that give little attention to the conventions of the discipline.

Note: If you fail a unit with a professional experience component, the fail grade will be on your transcript irrespective of the timing of the placement.

Withdrawing from this unit

If you are considering withdrawing from this unit, please seek academic advice via <https://ask.mq.edu.au> before doing so as this unit may be a co-requisite or prerequisite for units in the following sessions and may impact on your course progression.

Results

Results shown in iLearn, 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.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Overview of an HSC topic	35%	No	11.59pm on 30/03/2023
Program evaluation and adaptation	45%	No	11.59pm on 04/06/2023
Participation	20%	No	Ongoing, to be completed by 11.59pm on 03/06/2023

Overview of an HSC topic

Assessment Type ¹: Summary

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **11.59pm on 30/03/2023**

Weighting: **35%**

Students identify core concepts, common student misunderstandings, relevant contemporary resources, appropriate instructional strategies and representations. Students provide a rationale for the instructional approach based on the relevant literature (500 words plus design task)

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrates a detailed knowledge of the philosophy, structure, content and inquiry based methodologies of the NSW Stage 6 Geography syllabus.
- Demonstrates knowledge of students' varied approaches to learning and the need to cater for these by differentiating the curriculum.
- Demonstrates an ability to select, develop, use and evaluate a range of appropriate and engaging resources to support student learning.
- Prepares for and contributes to discussions about geographical education.
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Program evaluation and adaptation

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task ²: 35 hours

Due: **11.59pm on 04/06/2023**

Weighting: **45%**

Students evaluate the suitability of a learning and teaching program for a hypothetical cohort of students and adapt the program to better suit students' needs. Include a rationale (500 words plus design task).

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Demonstrates the capacity to identify and articulate clear and appropriate learning goals

in lesson preparation including a focus on literacy.

- Demonstrates knowledge of students' varied approaches to learning and the need to cater for these by differentiating the curriculum.
- Demonstrates an ability to select, develop, use and evaluate a range of appropriate and engaging resources to support student learning.
- Employs a range of strategies to assess student achievement of learning outcomes and effectively link outcomes and assessment strategies.
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Participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 35 hours

Due: **Ongoing, to be completed by 11.59pm on 03/06/2023**

Weighting: **20%**

Participation in online forums and workshops

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Demonstrates the capacity to identify and articulate clear and appropriate learning goals in lesson preparation including a focus on literacy.
- Demonstrates knowledge of students' varied approaches to learning and the need to cater for these by differentiating the curriculum.
- Demonstrates an ability to select, develop, use and evaluate a range of appropriate and engaging resources to support student learning.
- Employs a range of strategies to assess student achievement of learning outcomes and effectively link outcomes and assessment strategies.
- Demonstrates the ability to critically reflect on and improve teaching practice.
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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

Required and recommended texts:

McInerney, M., Butler, J., Caldis, S., Cranby, S., Jones, S., Law, M., Maude, A., & Nicholas, R. (2021). *Teaching Secondary Geography*. Cambridge University Press <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108980906>

Stage 6 Geography syllabus

Information about the unit iLearn site

This unit has a full web presence through iLearn.

Students will need regular access to a computer and the Internet to complete this unit.

Weekly access to iLearn is compulsory for all students. Important assessment information will be posted here, as will other relevant unit notices and materials, including a reading template and guide to lecture note taking to assist your studies.

Various activities and materials for discussion and critical reflection are included and external students especially are encouraged to use this web component. Electronic links and suggested references will be included in the Resources section. Please check the iLearn unit regularly.

Weekly lectures are available on the web through the ECHO360 lecture component. You must listen to all lectures if you do not attend these 'live'.

PowerPoint slides are available in iLearn in advance of the weekly lecture and/or are available in the Active Learning Tool.

Access and technical assistance

Information for students about access to the online component of this unit is available at <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/index.php>. You will need to enter your student username and password.

Please do NOT contact the Unit Convenor regarding iLearn technical help.

Assistance is available from IT Helpdesk

Ph: 9850 4357 or 1800 67 4357

Email: help.mq.edu.au.

On Campus: Ground floor at 18 Wally's Walk

Structure

The unit structure can be found in the university timetable <https://timetables.mq.edu.au/2023/>. In the tutorial students will discuss issues and questions arising from the lectures and prescribed readings. They are expected to base their arguments/discussions on evidence from published research and other relevant material. There will be a supporting iLearn site for the unit providing additional readings, links and materials.

The weekly program for the course with the accompanying readings/ preparation is available on iLearn.

Unit Schedule

Please see iLearn for further information.

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](#).

School of Education Procedures

In addition, the following policies and procedures of the School of Education are applicable in this unit.

Attendance for undergraduate units

See the university timetable for information about when classes begin in this unit. <https://timetables.mq.edu.au/2023/>

Activities completed during weekly tutorials (internal) or on campus days (external) are essential for building the core knowledge and/or skills required to demonstrate the learning outcomes of this unit [and to meet the AITSL Graduate Teacher Standards and/or ACECQA requirements]. Attendance at all tutorials or on campus days is expected and the roll will be taken. Make up tasks may be given if attendance is missed to ensure all content is covered to meet accreditation requirements.

Students are required to attend the tutorial in which they are enrolled. Any changes to tutorial enrolments must be completed officially through e-student. Please do not contact the unit convenor requesting a change

Electronic Communication

It is the student's responsibility to check all electronic communication on a regular weekly basis. Communication may occur via:

- Official MQ Student Email Address
- The Dialogue function on iLearn
- Other iLearn communication functions

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

The previous offering focused on the Stage 6 Geography syllabus being taught in schools at the time. In 2023, the offering focuses on the new Stage 6 Geography syllabus, released in December 2022. The course structure and assessments remain the same as in the previous

offering, this time contextualised around the new syllabus.

5R's Framework

5Rs Framework

The 5Rs Framework, developed by the School of Education at Macquarie University, is embedded throughout your teacher education course.

Your use of the 5Rs Framework will help you develop the capabilities that will make your teaching career sustainable and fulfilling.

In this unit, you will learn using the 5Rs framework in the following important ways:

- Reflexivity: regularly returning to an overarching question to reflect on and make decisions about the enactment of appropriate pedagogical practice in the geography classroom in response to the distinctive core of geography, changing educational structures and contexts, and personal values and beliefs about teaching overall and the teaching of geography.
- Research-engaged: through an exploration and application of empirical research about pedagogical practice in the geography classroom

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
20/02/2023	The assessment task due dates were incorrectly typed in the published version. The due dates are now correct.