General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
50cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit introduces students to police and policing and their role and purpose in contemporary society. Policing is and always has been a complex and contentious aspect of society be it in crime prevention and or social control. This unit provides students with the theoretical tools required to make sense of the different forms of policing and the concepts that underpin them. The unit will critically explore the history of the police and policing, how officers are trained, corruption, the use of force, police culture through to policing transnational organised crime. Through analysis of historical and current policing issues, students will learn to assess the relevance and cause and effects of crime and how it is policed.

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**: Describe the historical development of contemporary policing, as well as policing structures, management, powers, as well as reform and accountability mechanisms

**ULO2**: Research, locate and summarise academic texts

**ULO3**: Examine the social implications of real world policing methodologies

**ULO4**: Critically explore contemporary issues in policing, including: training and culture; strategies; ethics, corruption and accountability; and the use of force
General Assessment Information

Late penalty statement:

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.

Assessment Tasks

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Final Essay

Assessment Type 1: Essay
Indicative Time on Task 2: 40 hours
Due: See ilearn. This assessment is no longer relevant
Weighting: 40%

The student’s final essay examines the facets of contemporary policing practices. It requires scholarly consideration on existing policing praxis and social attitudes on 1 of 4 current social - policing issues. The essay asks students to determine if current police occupational practices and policies reflects social expectations.
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**Quiz Weeks 8 - 11**

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: See iLearn. This assessment is no longer relevant
Weighting: 10%

The quiz will test the students knowledge of readings and master class presentation from week 8 - 11 inclusive

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**Essay Plan**

Assessment Type 1: Plan
Indicative Time on Task 2: 21 hours
Due: See iLearn. This assessment is no longer relevant
Weighting: 20%

Essay Plan sets the platform for students final assignment. The Essay Plan will cover individual topics/issues that students will be critically exploring in their final essay. They are required to research, assess and determine what are the 5 best scholarly publications they will be using to frame and argue their case.
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**Quiz Weeks 2 - 7**

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours  
Due: See iLearn. This assessment is no longer relevant  
Weighting: 20%

The quiz will test the students knowledge of readings and master class presentation from week 2 - 7, inclusive

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**Police Use of Force**

Assessment Type 1: Reflective Writing  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours  
Due: See iLearn. This assessment is no longer relevant  
Weighting: 10%

Students will be asked to reflect on Police Use of Force example. The students will be
encouraged to think about their personal reaction to a legal issue. To critically reflect on their views of the example pre and post Master Class lecture where the theories of Police Use of Force are explored

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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

UNIT REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

• You should spend an average of 12 hours per week on this unit. This includes listening to lectures prior to seminar or tutorial, reading weekly required materials as detailed in iLearn, participating in iLearn discussion forums and preparing assessments.

• Internal students are expected to attend all seminar or tutorial sessions, and external students are expected to make significant contributions to on-line activities.

• In most cases students are required to attempt and submit all major assessment tasks in order to pass the unit.

REQUIRED READINGS

• The citations for all the required readings for this unit are available to enrolled students
through the unit iLearn site, and at Macquarie University's library site. Electronic copies of required readings may be accessed through the library or will be made available by other means.

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

- Computer and internet access are essential for this unit. Basic computer skills and skills in word processing are also a requirement.
- This unit has an online presence. Login is via: https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/
- Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.
- Information about IT used at Macquarie University is available at http://students.mq.edu.au/it_services/

SUBMITTING ASSESSMENT TASKS

- All text-based assessment tasks are to be submitted, marked and returned electronically. This will only happen through the unit iLearn site.
- Assessment tasks must be submitted as a MS word document by the due date.
- Most assessment tasks will be subject to a 'TurnitIn' review as an automatic part of the submission process.
- The granting of extensions is subject to the university’s Special Consideration Policy. Extensions will not be granted by unit conveners or tutors, but must be lodged through Special Consideration: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration

LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

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.

WORD LIMITS FOR ASSESSMENT TASKS

- Stated word limits include footnotes and footnoted references, but not bibliography, or title page.
- Word limits can generally deviate by 10% either over or under the stated figure.
- If the number of words deviates from the limit by more than 10%, then penalties will apply. These penalties are 5% of the awarded mark for every 100 words deviation from the word limit. If a paper is 300 words over, for instance, it will lose $3 \times 5\% = 15\%$ of the total mark awarded for the assignment. This percentage is taken off the total mark, i.e. if a paper was graded at a credit (65%) and was 300 words over, it would be reduced by 15 marks to a pass (50%).
- The application of this penalty is at the discretion of the course convener.

REASSESSMENT OF ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE SEMESTER

- Macquarie University operates a Final Grade Appeal procedure as part of the Assessment policy in cases where students feel their work was graded inappropriately: https://policies.mq.edu.au/document/view.php?id=277
- In accordance with the Grade Appeal procedure, individual works are not subject to regrading.

STAFF AVAILABILITY

- Department staff will endeavour to answer student enquiries in a timely manner. However, emails or iLearn messages will not usually be answered over the weekend or public holiday period.
- Students are encouraged to read the Unit Guide and look at instructions posted on the iLearn site before sending email requests to staff.
### Unit Schedule

**Week 1**  
Unit Guide & Brief History of Policing

**Week 2**  
Police & Policing. What's the difference?

**Week 3**  
Police Use of Force. The good and the bad

**Week 4**  
Police Training & Culture. Is police culture bad?

**Week 5**  
Police Corruption. What's noble cause corruption?

**Week 6**  
Police Strategies. What are they?

**Week 7**  
The Pluralisation of Policing. The 'WHAT' of policing?

**Week 8**  
Research Week. Q&A on the essay

**Week 9**  
Organised Crime. What is it actually?

**Week 10**  
Transnational Organised Crime I. Human Trafficking

**Week 11**  
Transnational Organised Crime II. Counterfeit medicines & the impact on global health

**Week 12**  
Green Criminology

### 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.
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.

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit 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.

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

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/158717/unit_guide/print
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- 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.