SOCI8080

Making Public Policy in a Globalised World

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Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points 10
Prerequisites Admission to MPSP or MPASR or GradCertPASR or GradDipPASR
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit examines a range of issues relevant to the understanding of how policies are made in increasingly entwined national and international contexts, considering international and domestic institutions and actors. The unit will be taught as a series of modules covering topics such as migration flows, climate change, populism, national and global inequalities, austerity, liberalisation, international policy actors and institutions, contexts and modes of governance, policy-making in non-democracies and democratization processes, political economy of welfare states, varieties of capitalism.

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: Identify and critically analyse current theories of governance and apply them to several political systems around the world.

ULO2: Identify, critically analyse and discuss the major debates and controversies involved in issues such as populism, immigration, austerity, democratization.

ULO3: Engage in independent research showing the ability to build on international scholarship and international examples to address a public policy problem.

ULO4: Show competent knowledge of the theoretical literature as well as of the empirical cases covered in the readings.

ULO5: Evaluate the quality, validity and reliability of research relating to a specific policy problem.

ULO6: Communicate research findings and views accurately and effectively using a variety of techniques (written, spoken, visual).

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
Participation	20%	No	Weekly
Presentation	10%	No	02/10/2023
Essay	50%	No	05/11/2023
Quiz	20%	No	Weekly

Participation

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 15 hours
Due: **Weekly**
Weighting: **20%**

Informed and constructive participation in online discussions and activities

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Presentation

Assessment Type [1]: Presentation
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **02/10/2023**
Weighting: **10%**

Presentation on the draft essay

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Engage in independent research showing the ability to build on international scholarship and international examples to address a public policy problem.
- Communicate research findings and views accurately and effectively using a variety of techniques (written, spoken, visual).

Essay

Assessment Type [1]: Essay
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 60 hours
Due: **05/11/2023**
Weighting: **50%**

The essay, provides students with the opportunity to explore a topic of interest in depth. Students should develop a considered answer to a specific question based on reading a wide range of sources

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Quiz
Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 5 hours
Due: **Weekly**
Weighting: **20%**

Quizzes on the mandatory readings

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Show competent knowledge of the theoretical literature as well as of the empirical cases covered in the readings.

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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

Classes

Weekly classes involve a 1-hour lecture and a 2-hour seminar. The lecture will be posted online every Monday. The seminar is in person.

Reading

There are a range of journal articles and chapters that are required reading. These will be listed on iLearn and available via Leganto.

Technology used and required

All enrolled students have access to the SOCI8080 website via iLearn. iLearn will provide access to lectures (powerpoint presentations for download and recordings through the University's Echo lecture recording facility) as well as readings, links and forum discussions. Regular access to iLearn is required in order to complete the unit.

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.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
11/07/2023	Presentation postponed by one week