



AHIS2250

Ancient Egypt: Culture and Society

Session 2, Online-flexible 2024

Department of History and Archaeology

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General Information

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Unit Convenor & Tutor

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By appointment. See iLearn for booking times.

Credit points

10

Prerequisites

40cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The unit examines socio-cultural diversity, complexity and transformation of the Ancient Egyptian material world drawing on case studies from the Predynastic to Late Antique periods (ca. 5000 B.C.E to 1000 C.E). The unit aims to contextualise the conditions within which disciplinary, historical and/or archaeological knowledge about ancient Egypt has been constructed and draws on Indigenous modes of learning and pedagogical principles to develop historical and cultural empathy.

Informed by theory and research paradigms developed in the social and cultural sciences, students in the unit will develop skills in critical and reflexive thinking through the examination of primary sources from diverse contexts and historiographical critique of secondary literature. The unit will pay special attention to the role played by imperialism, colonialism, orientalism and modern identity politics in the emergence and trajectory of the fields of Egyptology, archaeology and papyrology, as well as to new methods and approaches to understand Egypt's past.

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: Articulate acquired knowledge in skills relating to socio-cultural diversity, complexity and transformation of the ancient Egypt material world across time and geographical regions.

ULO2: Contextualise the conditions within which disciplinary, historical and/or archaeological knowledge about ancient Egypt has been constructed.

ULO3: Demonstrate critical thinking through the analysis and evaluation of historical and/or archaeological data and historiographical critique of modern scholarly approaches to writing about ancient Egypt's past.

ULO4: Reflect the learning experience and how knowledge gained in the unit, can be applied to contemporary settings.

General Assessment Information

MARKING RUBRICS

All assessment tasks will be graded using a rubric, which outlines the criteria and standards for each grade descriptor. Rubrics for each task can be found on the unit's iLearn site.

PENALTIES

1. 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.**

2. Word Limit Penalty

- Written assessment tasks submitted that are under or over the word length by more than 10% will be penalised with a **10% penalty (of the total possible mark)**.

3. Citation and Referencing techniques Penalty

- Turnitin is a 'text-matching' software which is designed to educate students regarding

appropriate citation and referencing techniques. Turnitin is also used to provide MQ with confidence in the academic integrity of students work.

- All assessment tasks will be marked according to the MQ [Academic Integrity Policy](#) and the schedule of penalties.

EXTENSION REQUESTS

- **Important:** The granting of extensions is subject to the [University's Special Consideration Policy](#) and can only be granted by applying for Special Consideration through [AskMQ](#).
- **See Accessibility Statement below.**

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Online Quiz	10%	No	By Sunday 25 August 2024 @ 23:55 (Week 5)
Review	30%	No	Sunday 15 September 2024 @ 23:55 (Week 8)
Research Report	40%	No	Sunday 20 October 2024 @ 23:55 (Week 11)
Critical Reflection	20%	No	Sunday 3 November 2024 @ 23:55 (Week 13)

Online Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 9 hours

Due: **By Sunday 25 August 2024 @ 23:55 (Week 5)**

Weighting: **10%**

Answer a series of questions on the required learning materials. Task instructions are available on iLearn. Complete the task using the quiz tool on iLearn.

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Review

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task ²: 24 hours

Due: **Sunday 15 September 2024 @ 23:55 (Week 8)**

Weighting: **30%**

Critique and evaluate ONE (1) academic source and submit a self-evaluation using the marking rubric provided on iLearn. Task instructions, word limit, guidelines, sample work and rubric are available on iLearn. Submit via Turnitin.

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Research Report

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 39 hours

Due: **Sunday 20 October 2024 @ 23:55 (Week 11)**

Weighting: **40%**

Complete ONE (1) short research report and submit a self-evaluation using the marking rubric provided on iLearn Task instructions, word limit, guidelines, sample work and rubric is available on iLearn. Submit via Turnitin.

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Critical Reflection

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 19 hours

Due: **Sunday 3 November 2024 @ 23:55 (Week 13)**

Weighting: **20%**

Complete a reflective writing task. Task instructions, word limit, guidelines, sample work and rubric are available on iLearn. Submit via Turnitin

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- Reflect the learning experience and how knowledge gained in the unit, can be applied to contemporary settings.

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

This unit will be structured following a [Flipped classroom model](#), which describes a reversal of traditional teaching where students gain first exposure to new material outside of class, usually via reading or lecture videos, and then class time is used to do the harder work of assimilating that knowledge through strategies such as problem-solving, discussion or debates. The unit will

be taught via a blended delivery of content and instruction using a multi-media approach such as video lectures, 3D digital artefacts and visualisations. The learning materials will be a combination of pre-recorded lectures produced by Macquarie University academic staff as well as links to a variety of new media, such as audio recordings/podcasts, blogs, think pieces, and/or social media posts created by local and international scholars. Through such approaches you will develop transferrable skills and analytical capacities that can be applied across various professional and academic settings.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

iLearn will play a pivotal role throughout the session and will be your central hub for information and instructions. Each week will be structured as follows:

◆ **BEFORE DISCUSSION** | Building Knowledge, Values & Skills

Step 1 | Preparation

- Watch the pre-recorded **lecture materials** available via iLearn.
- Complete the **weekly assigned activities, source analyses and/or readings** in preparation for the weekly tutorial discussion (face-to-face or via the online discussion forum).

◆ **DURING DISCUSSION** | Applying Knowledge, Values & Skills

Step 2 | Engage with your peers

- Lead/participate in group discussion and **participate in the weekly activities in the class tutorial and/or via the online tutorial discussion forum.**

◆ **AFTER DISCUSSION** | Consolidating and Reflecting on Learning

Step 3 | Consolidate your knowledge

- At the end of the week, complete any outstanding tasks for the week and work on upcoming assessment tasks.
- Engage with a series of optional exercises and extension tasks on iLearn such as writing a short reflection on the weekly learning (e.g. readings, lecture content and/or tutorial discussion) in your learning journal or adding an item to the unit Glossary.

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

There are no required textbooks for this unit. All reading materials are provided through [Leganto](#), MQ's reading list management system, and the [MQ library](#).

CONSULTATION TIMES

Each week your convenor, Dr AAlexandra Woods, will offer consultation times via Zoom to allow you to ask questions about the weekly content, the assessments or advice on resources

etc... Everyone is welcome to attend! The booking procedures are listed on iLearn.

- [Click here for a summary of the basics of Zoom from the MQ L&T Blog.](#)

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The subject matter you will encounter in this unit is designed to challenge your preconceived notions and understandings of how archaeological knowledge is formed and it is crucial that you are aware of your responsibilities as a student:

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>

The guidelines for how to communicate using online communication tools are called **Netiquette** (or internet etiquette). Please refer to the complete [Netiquette guidelines](#) and always apply the following protocols in your online engagement.

In short, always use equitable and inclusive language; acknowledge everyone's contributions; respect other people's point of view and perspectives; be non-judgemental and supportive; be aware and mindful of cultural differences; and be careful with humour and sarcasm in case the format does not fully convey your intended meaning.

Unit Schedule

MODULE	WEEK	TOPIC	TUTORIAL TOPIC	ASSESSMENT
MODULE 1 POWER	1	The (Complex) Histories of Studying Egypt's Past	NO CLASS IN WEEK 1	
	2	Society, Kinship & Culture	Research Skills 1	
	3	Statehood & Configurations of Power	Research Skills 2	
	4	Rituals & Performance of Rulership	Research Skills 3	
MODULE 2 PEOPLE	5	Community (&) Identity	Research Skills 4	Task 1 - Online Quiz due (Sunday 25 August 2024)
	6	Peoples in Contact	Research Skills 5	
	7	Performance, Ritual & the Social Dimension of Death	Research Skills 6	
	8	NO CLASS / TUTORIAL DISCUSSION		Task 2 - Review due (Sunday 15 September 2024)
MID-SESSION BREAK				

MODULE 3 PLACE	9	Spaces, Places & Landscapes	Source Analysis	
	10	Landscape as Archive	Source Analysis	
	11	The Past as a Resource	Source Analysis	Task 3 - Research Report due (Sunday 20 October 2024)
MODULE 4 ENCOUNTERS	12	(Ancient) Egypt in the Memory of the World	Source Analysis	
	13	(Ancient) Egypt & Australia	Teaching & Learning Egypt's Past on Indigenous land	Task 4 - Critical Reflection due (Sunday 3 November 2024)

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](#).

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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.

Accessibility Statement

This unit is intended for all students, including those with mental or physical disabilities, illness, injuries, impairments, or any other condition that tends to negatively affect one's equal access to education. If, at any point in the session, you find yourself not able to fully access the space, content, and experience of this course, you are welcome (but not required) to contact me. It is never too late to request accommodations -- our bodies and circumstances are diverse and continuously changing.

For students with accessibility requirements, I encourage you to contact [Accessibility Services](#) to ensure that we, as an institution, are supporting your learning. By making a plan through Accessibility Services, you can ensure accommodation without disclosing any information to your course convenors.

There are also a range of resources on campus that serve to support and improve student learning and wellbeing, including the [Learning Skills Unit](#), [Peer Support](#) programs, resources for [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students](#), [English Language support](#), and [Student Wellbeing](#) support and resources. Please reach out to these programs or contact me directly for further information.

Please know I am here to support you as best I can, in this unit and beyond, and your success in this unit is very important to me. I would like to see us all working together, supporting each other and ultimately recognise and acknowledge the (challenging) circumstances we all find ourselves in.

Acknowledgement of Country

As convenor, I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Country upon which Macquarie University is situated, the Wallumattagal people of the Dharug nation; the Country upon which we will teach this unit from, the Wangal people of the Eora Nation (Inner West, Sydney), & the Country where each of you are living, learning & working from this session. We recognise Traditional Custodians continuing connection to the Land, waters, & culture, & thank them for protecting this coastline & its ecosystems since time immemorial. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded. We respect all Elders past & present, & all First Nations peoples who are enrolled in this unit.

The Department of History and Archaeology would like to acknowledge and advise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that the content of AHIS2250 and AHIX2250 may contain images, voices or names of deceased persons in photographs, film, audio recordings or printed material.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
17/07/2024	Updated Unit Schedule

Unit information based on version 2024.01 of the [Handbook](#)