



MHIS3000

Making History

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Department of History and Archaeology

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

130cp at 1000 level or above OR (20cp in HIST or MHIS or MHIX units at 2000 level)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

What is history and how do historians practice their craft? What is the history of history and does it inform issues and debates in contemporary society? What skills does it teach us?

Through the prism of historical literacy this unit explores the meanings, structures, methodologies and interpretive frames of historical thinking as well as the relationship between history and the public sphere. Drawing on knowledge and content from across the major students work individually and collectively on a set of big theoretical questions about history, historical practice and memory. The unit enables students to understand and articulate how their historical literacy is an important attribute of their employability.

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: Reflect on and articulate discipline specific skills and literacy.

ULO2: Integrate and apply discipline specific knowledge to contemporary and historical problems.

ULO3: Think critically and analytically.

ULO4: Communicate effectively in written, oral and interpersonal forms.

ULO5: Synthesise and integrate knowledge from multiple topic areas.

ULO6: Think historically about the present.

General Assessment Information

Late Penalties

A late penalty will apply for the research scoping task and the individual thesis component of the assessments. What does this mean?

- A penalty of 5% of the total possible mark (of the task) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, until the 7th day. The 7 days includes weekends.
- After the 7th day, a grade of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the student submits the assessment. This is to allow for the release of assessment feedback to the remaining class.
- Submission time for written assessments is set at 11.59pm.
- 1 hour grace period is provided to students who have technical concerns.

Where a student has a [special consideration](#) application for an extension *approved*, then the rules are applied to the new approved due date for that student.

Example

An assessment task is submitted one day late. The task is marked out of 100. The 5% penalty equals 5 marks that will be deducted.

If the above assessment task is worth 40% of the unit then the 5% penalty equates to a 2% deduction.

If the above assessment task is worth 20% of the unit then the 5% penalty equates to a 1% deduction.

PLEASE NOTE:

The above policy does not mean that we don't understand that you are human and unforeseen things can hamper progress, etc. The main thing that the convenor encourages is that you communicate your issues in advance so as to avoid this penalty. If we don't know about your issues/concerns we can't do anything about them. If we know we can assess whether an extension can be given.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Research Scoping Task	20%	No	Week 4, Friday 15th March, midnight
Individual Thesis	40%	No	Week 8, Friday 12th April, midnight
Debate/Presentation	20%	No	Weeks 11 and 12
In class participation	20%	No	Across semester

Research Scoping Task

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 14 hours

Due: **Week 4, Friday 15th March, midnight**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will begin preparation for their major assessment tasks by undertaking secondary and primary research.

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Individual Thesis

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **Week 8, Friday 12th April, midnight**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will compose an extended written response to a debate/presentation topic. This will be a critical piece of writing, setting out an argument in depth and including three historical/historiographical examples to illustrate. This will then form the basis of a group debate presentation later in the semester.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Integrate and apply discipline specific knowledge to contemporary and historical problems.
- Think critically and analytically.
- Communicate effectively in written, oral and interpersonal forms.
- Synthesise and integrate knowledge from multiple topic areas.

Debate/Presentation

Assessment Type ¹: Debate

Indicative Time on Task ²: 16 hours

Due: **Weeks 11 and 12**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will make individual and group oral presentations based on their individual/group theses. These are to be 6-8 minutes in length.

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- Think critically and analytically.
- Communicate effectively in written, oral and interpersonal forms.

In class participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 8 hours

Due: **Across semester**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will be required to prepare for each class by completing the compulsory readings. They will engage in group discussion in class, demonstrating effective, respectful listening and undertaking a number of short reflective written and oral collaborative exercises across the semester to track progress and engagement.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reflect on and articulate discipline specific skills and literacy.
- Communicate effectively in written, oral and interpersonal forms.
- Think historically about the present.

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

This unit is primarily a reading and research unit. There is not a dedicated lecture schedule. However, across several weeks you will be required to listen to some sort of lectorial or aural media prior to class, as well as in class.

INTERNAL STUDENTS: must attend 1 face-to-face 2 hour weekly seminar. These begin in week 1.

Please choose one class from the times and locations below:

When: Wednesday 9-11 (25WW, A 114 Tutorial Room)

OR

When: Wednesday 12-2 (25WW, A 114 Tutorial Room)

EXTERNAL STUDENTS: (including OUA students): must login and participate in the weekly online discussion forums which will have a dedicated tutor.

Please login to the ilearn site to familiarise yourself with the unit, assessments and convenor instructions. Please watch the introductory lectorials prior to coming to the first class and make sure you follow instructions on ilearn from week to week to keep up with lectures/lectorials when they are required.

Unit Schedule

Week	Topic
1	Introduction
2	What is History and Does it Matter?
3	What is Historical Knowledge?
4	Asking Questions
5	Critical Thinking
6	Historical Imagination
7	Historical Judgement
8	History, Policy and Publics
9	Consuming History
10	Mapping Debates
11	Debate Presentations
12	Debate Presentations
13	Reflection

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](#).

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.

Unit information based on version 2024.02 of the [Handbook](#)