AHIS6202
Archaeological and Historical Studies: Foundation in Archaeology or History
Session 1, Online-flexible 2024

Department of History and Archaeology

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to GradCertAncHist or MAncHist

Corequisites
Co-badged status
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Unit description
Students will undertake studies in ancient history and/or archaeology relevant to their field of interest. Through extended research on a topic of their choice they will write a research question, design a research project and complete a short research paper. Students must choose a supervisor and research area from the list of available staff and staff specializations provided on iLearn, and contact the unit convenor by the first week of the session to obtain approval for the topic and choice of supervisor.

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: Acquire knowledge of a range of ancient cultures in their geographic and chronological contexts above undergraduate level.

ULO2: Understand how past societies developed and interacted worldwide and some of the principles, concepts and techniques used in the study of their history and/or archaeology above undergraduate level.

ULO3: Read ancient sources and literature from different historical and/or archaeological disciplines and interpret written and material evidence with appreciation and understanding above undergraduate level.
ULO4: Plan and present written arguments about ancient cultures and material in coherent and documented form above undergraduate level.

ULO5: Apply and adapt knowledge of a range of issues, questions and problems relating to the contemporary understanding of the past above undergraduate level.

ULO6: Demonstrate critical engagement with a variety of modern scholarly opinions.

General Assessment Information

Late Assessment Submission Penalty [Macquarie University Policy]

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

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<td>Research plan</td>
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Annotated bibliography

Assessment Type 1: Annotated bibliography
Indicative Time on Task 2: 21 hours
Due: 23:55, Sunday March 17
Weighting: 30%

Annotated bibliography of modern works related to the research for essay ca 1500 words.

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contexts above undergraduate level.

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- Read ancient sources and literature from different historical and/or archaeological disciplines and interpret written and material evidence with appreciation and understanding above undergraduate level.
- Plan and present written arguments about ancient cultures and material in coherent and documented form above undergraduate level.
- Apply and adapt knowledge of a range of issues, questions and problems relating to the contemporary understanding of the past above undergraduate level.

Research plan

Assessment Type: Plan
Indicative Time on Task: 21 hours
Due: 23:55, Sunday April 7
Weighting: 30%

Research plan (ca. 1500 words) outlining the proposed research project

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Essay

Assessment Type 1: Essay
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours
Due: 23:55, Sunday June 2
Weighting: 40%

Essay on a chosen research topic ca. 3,000-3,500 words in length.

On successful completion you will be able to:
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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

Research Supervisor. To support your learning and research activities in this unit, your unit convenor will be your first point of contact. Your unit convenor will also allocate (with your input) a member of the Department of History and Archaeology with whom you can meet to discuss
your progress in relation to your Ancient History or Archaeology research. You should identify your preferred staff member(s) [click here for a list] submitting your Research Paper Topic proposal. Please note that not all staff members may be available for research supervision this session and there is a limit on the number of students that may be allocated to each staff member. Details on finding, contacting and nominating your supervisor are on the unit's iLearn page.

**Unit Schedule**

Week 1: Contact unit convenor (if you haven't already). Choose a Research Topic and nominate a Supervisor

Week 4: Annotated Bibliography and Proposed Research Topic (Assessment 1)

Week 7: Research Plan (Assessment 2)

Week 13: Research Essay (Assessment 3)

**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](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 2024.01R of the Handbook