



POIR8320

Europe and the World

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School of International Studies

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MIntRel or MSecStrategicStud or MCrim or MIntell or MCyberSecAnalysis or MCTerrorism or MPPP or MPASR or GradCertPP or PGDiplntRel or GradDiplntRel or MIntPubDip.

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is for students interested in Europe and the European Union (EU). The unit incorporates historical background, theoretical perspectives on integration, analysis of member states and institutions, and examination of issues and themes such as EU enlargement, the 'Euro Crisis', the refugee/migrant crisis, energy and environmental challenges, Brexit, European and national identities, and relations with external actors, including Russia and the USA. Reading, thinking and scholarly engagement are required. At Masters (MIR) level, a high standard of research, analysis, referencing, organization and presentation is expected. The unit aims to enhance these skills and enable a critical understanding of Europe and the EU in the world. There are opportunities for more intensive inquiry in topics selected by students themselves.

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: Demonstrate advanced knowledge and critical understanding of Europe, the EU, and its member states

ULO2: apply developed capacities for research and analysis

ULO3: Communicate and critique key concepts related to Europe and the world

ULO4: demonstrate special expertise in selected essay and presentation topics

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 11.59pm. 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
<u>Essay</u>	50%	No	May 11; 11:59 pm
<u>Quiz/test</u>	50%	No	June 6 - June 8; 11-59 pm

Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 41 hours

Due: **May 11; 11:59 pm**

Weighting: **50%**

The essay provides students with the opportunity to explore a topic of interest in depth. Students will develop a considered answer to a specific question based on reading a range of academic sources. 2000 words.

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- apply developed capacities for research and analysis

- Communicate and critique key concepts related to Europe and the world
- demonstrate special expertise in selected essay and presentation topics

Quiz/test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **June 6 - June 8; 11-59 pm**

Weighting: **50%**

Quiz/test covering key concepts and topics. 1500 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and critical understanding of Europe, the EU, and its member states
- Communicate and critique key concepts related to Europe and the world

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 1.5-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar.

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 POIR8320 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) (<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 connect.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>

[dents.mq.edu.au/support/](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/support/)

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) 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 the [Service Connect Portal](#), 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.

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