



INTS3010

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School of International Studies

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Permission by special approval

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit uses key themes to explore language and cultural contexts. Students will work in groups with relevant staff in Languages and Cultures undertaking projects in one of the languages and cultures offered in the Department. Assessment is by individual projects which allow students to accomplish identified goals in relation to literature, theatre, film, music, fine arts, education, or linguistics, to examine relationships between language and culture and demonstrate the application of advanced skills in languages and cultures. Students will use language(s) they are studying to deepen their understanding of and communicate specialist knowledge in language or culture. Students need to have at least upper intermediate language skills and have completed prior units of study in languages and cultures and articulate their intended project goals in their enrolment request.

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 communication skills, written and oral in language(s) other than English.

ULO2: apply independent and analytical judgment to a research, professional or language accreditation project.

ULO3: organise and manage a project plan to accomplish an identified goal.

ULO4: communicate deep knowledge of a specialist topic in language and culture.

ULO5: critically evaluate resources, prioritise relevance and apply to achieving an identified goal.

General Assessment Information

LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

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-time-sensitive assessments (including 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.

The granting of extensions is subject to the university's Special Consideration Policy. Extensions will not be granted by unit conveners or tutors, but must be lodged through Special Consideration: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/special-consideration>

GRADE APPEAL POLICY

Macquarie University operates a Grade Appeal Policy: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/appeals/grade-appeal>

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
Project plan and outline	30%	No	28/08/2026	Individual	Yes	Open
Oral Communication	30%	No	Week 9	Individual	No	Open
Written Communication	40%	No	06/11/2026	Individual	Yes	Open

Project plan and outline

Assessment Type ¹: Professional task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **28/08/2026**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

Design project plan.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- organise and manage a project plan to accomplish an identified goal.

Oral Communication

Assessment Type ¹: Presentation task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Week 9**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Open

Demonstrate project-appropriate communication skills and content relevance.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- demonstrate advanced communication skills, written and oral in language(s) other than English.
- communicate deep knowledge of a specialist topic in language and culture.

Written Communication

Assessment Type ¹: Professional task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 50 hours

Due: **06/11/2026**

Weighting: **40%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

Produce carefully articulated and project-specific written communications engaging with the language you are studying and the communicative context and purposes of the project goals. Take into account feedback received in preparatory tasks.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- demonstrate advanced communication skills, written and oral in language(s) other than English.
- apply independent and analytical judgment to a research, professional or language accreditation project.
- communicate deep knowledge of a specialist topic in language and culture.
- critically evaluate resources, prioritise relevance and apply to achieving an identified goal.

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
- [Academic Success](#) 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.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

CLASSES

There are no scheduled weekly classes or activities in this unit, apart from the Information Session in Week 1 (recommended) and the presentations in Week 9, for which online participation is mandatory.

Exact dates and times will be announced. Please refer to iLearn for details.

UNIT REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

You should spend an average of 12 hours per week on this unit. This includes conducting independent research, reading and analysing relevant sources, consulting literature in the target language where appropriate, and preparing assessment tasks.

As this is an individual research project unit, there are no scheduled weekly classes. Students are expected to work independently throughout the semester while maintaining regular contact with the unit convenor and their culture and language supervisor.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend the Information Session in Week 1 and are required to participate in the Week 9 presentations. Exact dates and times will be announced via iLearn.

In most cases, students are required to attempt and submit all major assessment tasks to pass the unit.

REQUIRED READINGS

As this is an individual research project unit, students are expected to identify and source relevant academic literature independently, in consultation with the unit convenor and/or their culture and language supervisor.

Students are encouraged to make use of the University Library's resources and databases when conducting their research. Additional guidance on locating and evaluating sources will be provided during the semester as required.

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

This unit has an online presence. Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient. Basic computer skills and word-processing skills are also required.

Information about IT used at Macquarie University is available at http://students.mq.edu.au/it_services/

Unit Schedule

Week / Dates	Activity	Assessments
Week 1 (27/07 – 02/08)	Information session (exact day and time TBA)	
Week 5 (24/08 – 30/08)		28/08/2026 Project plan and outline
(21/09 – 05/10)	RECESS	

Week 9 (05/10 – 11/10)	Online presentations (exact day and time TBA)	Oral Communication
Week 13 (02/11 – 06/11)		06/11/2026 Final written communication

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/support/>

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [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 <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

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 2026.02 of the [Handbook](#)