



PICT850

Security I

S1 External 2013

Centre for Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism

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General Information

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

Admission to MPICT or PGDipPICT or PGCertPICT or MPICTMIntSecSt or MIntSecStud or PGDipIntSecStud or PGCertIntSecStud

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is one of two foundation units for students undertaking studies in policing, intelligence and counter terrorism. The unit introduces students to key concepts in the three major areas of study. This unit, in combination with PICT851, also establishes the academic standards required for studying in this area at a postgraduate level; provides guidance for students to develop postgraduate level skills in communication, research and critical analysis and challenges students to apply these skills to complex concepts and issues in policing, intelligence and counter terrorism.

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:

Demonstrate a sound appreciation of the different aspects that comprise security in a liberal democracy.

Comprehensively explain a range of contemporary and dynamic issues that can impact on security in Australia.

Critically evaluate the role of policing, intelligence, counter terrorism and cyber security in contributing to a secure environment.

Model academic research skills, particularly the ability to select sources appropriately, to integrate knowledge from diverse sources, to critically evaluate its significance and relevance, synthesise material and present findings logically and rationally.

Demonstrate higher order communication skills including the ability to present sustained, persuasive & original written arguments cogently & coherently.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Informed Engagement</u>	35%	As indicated
<u>Essay Plan and Outline</u>	15%	07 April 2013
<u>Major Essay</u>	50%	26 May 2013

Informed Engagement

Due: **As indicated**

Weighting: **35%**

For details on this assignment please refer to the unit iLearn site

A detailed marking matrix for this assignment is available to enrolled students on the iLearn site.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Essay Plan and Outline

Due: **07 April 2013**

Weighting: **15%**

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A detailed marking matrix for this assignment is available to enrolled students on the iLearn site.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Major Essay

Due: **26 May 2013**

Weighting: **50%**

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Delivery and Resources

Unit Requirements and Expectations

In accordance with normal Macquarie University expectations, you should spend, on average, at least 12 hours per week on this unit. Students are expected to meet the following requirements

- Read prescribed readings prior to each weekly teaching session
- Listen to the recorded lecture.
- Contribute to the on-line discussion (internal students – participate in weekly teaching session).
- Complete all assessment tasks.

Internal students are expected to attend all weekly teaching sessions on-campus.

At Macquarie University all units have an online presence on iLeran to facilitate web enabled learning and course administration. Students are required to access MQ iLearn to engage with the academic content, submit assessment tasks and participate in discussions.

Technological Requirements

Reliable PC and Internet access are required. Basic computer skills such as internet browsing and skills in word processing are also a requirement.

Assignments in this unit will be submitted, marked and returned electronically. For further information see the iLearn site.

Please consult teaching staff for any further, more specific requirements.

Unit Readings

The required readings for the Unit is listed on the iLearn site and can be accessed by all enrolled students.

Assessment Criteria

Detailed assessment criteria is available to all enrolled students through the Unit iLearn site.

Timetable

Students can locate Lecture Hall using the Timetable link

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<https://timetables.mq.edu.au/2013/>

Unit Schedule

Module 1	Introduction
Module 2	Academic Literacy - Epistemology, Research and Critical Thinking
Module 3	Academic Literacy - Research
Module 4	History of the Field
Module 5	Conceptual Framing
Module 6	Policing - Introduction to Policing Strategy
Module 7	Policing – Global Policing Models
Module 8	Intelligence - Overview of Intelligence, History and Cold War Transformation of Intelligence and Current National Security Threats

Module 9	Intelligence - Intelligence Cycle
Module 10	Counter Terrorism - Concepts of National Security & Threats to National Security
Module 11	Counter Terrorism - Australia's Approach to National Security and Counter Terrorism & Counter terrorism Strategies
Module 12	Introduction to Cyber Security
Module 13	Review and Conclusion

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Special Consideration Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Extensions and Special Consideration

The granting of extensions of up to one week is at the discretion of the Unit Convenor. Any request for extensions must be made in writing to the Unit Convenor before the due date. Extensions beyond one week

will be subject to the special consideration policy and applications must be made through the links below

Late Submission

If an assignment is submitted late it will initially be marked as if it had been submitted on time. However, 5% of the weighting allocated for the assignment will then be deducted from the mark the student achieves in the assignment for each day it is late. For example, if the assignment's weighting is 20, 1.00 mark per day will be deducted from the mark given (ie. A student given 15/20 who submitted 4 days late will lose 4 x 1.00 marks: 15/20 – 4 marks = 11/20) The same principle applies if an extension is granted and the assignment is submitted later than the amended date.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of Academic Student Support Services. Details of these services can be accessed at: <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

UniWISE provides:

- Online learning resources and academic skills workshops http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/learning_skills/
- Personal assistance with your learning & study related questions.
- The Learning Help Desk is located in the Library foyer (level 2).
- Online and on-campus orientation events run by Mentors@Macquarie.

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

Details of these services can be accessed at <http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/>.

IT Help

If you wish to receive IT help, we would be glad to assist you at <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the university's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students and it outlines what can be done.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Informed Engagement
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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create

new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

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PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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