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Department of Psychology

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General Information

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Credit points
4

Prerequisites
Admission to MOrgPsych or DOrgPsych

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
The objective of this unit is to prepare students for their field placement experiences by providing them with appropriate training in project implementation and by making available practical class-based consulting experiences designed to emulate field placements.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes

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Assessment Tasks

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Weighting: 50%


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Examination

Due: 6 June 2016
Weighting: 50%

This examination relates principally to ethics and the assessment of ethical dilemmas in practice. Students are expected to become familiar with the Code of Ethics from the Australian Psychological Society and be able to apply this information in response to ethical dilemmas.

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/59409/unit_guide/print
assessment will comprise both short answer and essay questions and will be undertaken in class.

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Practice Improvement

Due: 6 June 2016
Weighting: 0%

This assessment task involves students examining the competencies that are articulated by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and selecting at least three competencies that they will seek to further develop during the unit. They will subsequently develop a plan of activities that will enable them to develop the competencies, undertake and record those activities, meet with a peer supervisor, and then meet with an academic within the Organisational Psychology Program to discuss their outcomes. The intention of this assessment is to enable students to develop the skills necessary to undertake personal development plans once they become Registered Psychologists.

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Students are expected to attend at least 80% of classes, including completion of tasks associated with online delivery.

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Delivery and Resources
This unit consists of alternating face-to-face and on-line classes. Where a class in delivered on-line, students will be expected to: (a) Review a 20 minute (approx.) video clip, read the relevant chapter in the textbook, together with one or two additional papers, answer questions to a short, on-line quiz, and undertake any activities as directed for that week.


Unit Schedule
Workshops are held between 9.00am and 5.00pm on April 1, 2016 and May 27, 2016

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:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html) of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in *iLearn*, 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](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser
**Student Enquiry Service**
For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**Equity Support**
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](mailto:disability.service@mq.edu.au) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](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](https://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/acceptable-use-of-it-resources-policy/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

**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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**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.

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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.

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