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Indigenous Research Matters
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Dept of Indigenous Studies - Warawara

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General Information

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6

Prerequisites
39cp

Corequisites
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Co-badged status

Unit description
This project-based research unit builds on the ideas and experiences developed in previous units. Students will plan, develop and complete an individual research project. The unit will examine issues for research involving Indigenous peoples including historical legacies of research and developments in research with Indigenous peoples today; the role of Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers; and the role of de-colonising methods of research to advocate an Indigenous research agenda. In particular it concentrates on the ethical dimensions and operational issues of preparation for academic research in the social sciences, with particular reference to Indigenous settings and concerns. This unit uses the current Macquarie University Ethics Approval Process and is informed by NHMRC, AIATSIS and relevant international sources.

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

1. Recognise the historical legacies of research and subsequent effects on research practices with Indigenous peoples today.
2. Justify your role as an Indigenous or non-Indigenous researcher or practitioner undertaking research or work with Indigenous communities.

3. Explain the principles of a range of Indigenous Research Methodologies appropriate for application in research with Indigenous peoples.

4. Apply appropriate Indigenous Studies theoretical frameworks to resolve a range of ethical problems in Indigenous research.

5. Critically reflect on current issues in Indigenous affairs and develop a proposal for small research project to address the problem.

6. Interpret and communicate the principles of current Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies guidelines to Indigenous community and professional audiences.

### Assessment Tasks

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**Analysis of an article**

**Due: 19 August 2016**  
**Weighting: 5%**

Select ONE article we have read in the first two weeks of class. Analyse the article in terms of its various elements: author, publishing context, argument, structure, writing style and evidence/bibliography; also write at least 200 words about your own response to the article. Use the template on iLearn to present your analysis of the article. We will discuss this assignment in weeks 1 and 2 of semester.

The criteria and standards by which your work will be assessed will be available in the iLearn site.
This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Explain the principles of a range of Indigenous Research Methodologies appropriate for application in research with Indigenous peoples

**Book report**

**Due:** 7 Sept 2016  
**Weighting:** 15%

Read ONE of the following books about Indigenous research; we will decide who will read which book during the second week of semester. A template for the report is available on iLearn which should be completed and uploaded to Turnitin AND the discussion board on iLearn before 5pm on 7 September.

- Karen Martin *Please knock before you enter* (2008)  
- Shawn Wilson *Research is ceremony* (2009)  
- Martin Nakata *Disciplining the savages; savaging the disciplines* (2007)  
- Linda Tuhiwai Smith *Decolonizing methodologies* (2nd ed; 2012)  

The criteria and standards by which your work will be assessed will be available in the ilearn site

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Recognise the historical legacies of research and subsequent effects on research practices with Indigenous peoples today.

**Annotated bibliography**

**Due:** 7 October 2016  
**Weighting:** 10%

Prepare and upload to Turnitin an annotated bibliography for the topic you will explore in your final project. INT students: bring a printed copy to class on 7 October.

Your annotated bibliography should include NO MORE THAN twenty texts in total and should include AT LEAST ten texts (which have not been assigned for this unit).

We will discuss in class the expectations of an annotated bibliography; your annotations should be at least a half page for each entry, although these need not be in paragraph form.

Your mark will take into account the accuracy of your bibliography in terms of following conventions of citation.

The criteria and standards by which your work will be assessed will be available in the ilearn site

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
Work in progress report

Due: 21 October 2016

Weighting: 10%

You should produce a powerpoint (or prezi or similar) presentation and present on the scope and status of your final research project. Your presentation should include six slides:

* title of your project + the question your research seeks to answer
* a statement about your own relationship to the research as a researcher (interest AND ethics)
* your decisions about methodology
* a key critical resource (essay, article, book etc)
* your plan for completing the project
* a further question you would like us to discuss as a class to help you move forward with your research

You will have a maximum of ten minutes to present; this does not include the time we will take to discuss your question from the last slide.

EXT students: please upload your Work in Progress presentation to iLearn AND provide written feedback to other EXT student submissions on iLearn.

The criteria and standards by which your work will be assessed will be available in the iLearn site

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• Apply appropriate Indigenous Studies theoretical frameworks to resolve a range of ethical problems in Indigenous research.
• Critically reflect on current issues in Indigenous affairs and develop a proposal for small research project to address the problem.
Final project
Due: 4 November 2016
Weighting: 40%

Your final project will explore ONE key research question related to Indigenous Studies. It will demonstrate your understanding of the topic in relation to the discipline of Indigenous Studies (in Australia and globally) and it will be written in the style of a research essay. We will discuss the specific process and requirements of the research essay over the course of semester.

Your essay should be 4000 words in length. If it is under 3750 or over 4250 marks will be deducted.

Please submit this via turnitin before 10am on 30 October.

The criteria and standards by which your work will be assessed will be available in the ilearn site

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
  • Apply appropriate Indigenous Studies theoretical frameworks to resolve a range of ethical problems in Indigenous research.
  • Critically reflect on current issues in Indigenous affairs and develop a proposal for small research project to address the problem.

Research portfolio
Due: 11 November 2016
Weighting: 10%

Your research portfolio is a hard copy of several pieces of work:
  * Your final project (turned in electronically the week before)
  * An abstract of your final project (we will start work on these during class on 30 October)
  * A two page written reflection on your research project and how it connects to the discussions and assessment across the semester
  * The initial reflection on Indigenous research you wrote during the first week, and a follow-up reflection on how your ideas have been confirmed, extended, challenged etc since then

The criteria and standards by which your work will be assessed will be available in the ilearn site

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
  • Recognise the historical legacies of research and subsequent effects on research practices with Indigenous peoples today.
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Participation
Due: 11 November 2016
Weighting: 10%

Your participation grade will reflect your attendance in class and active engagement in in-class and online activities. It will be calculated at the end of semester.

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Delivery and Resources
Readings for this unit are also listed in iLearn under each week. They will all be available online through the Macquarie University library.

Week 2
• Chris Andersen. "Critical Indigenous Studies: From difference to density." Cultural
Studies Review. 15.2: 2009.

Week 3

Week 4
AIATSIS - Guidelines for Ethical Research in Australian Indigenous Studies

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[Don't freak out about the title of this journal; just look up the article's title through MQ library and you'll be able to click through to the article.]

Week 5
Please note the books required for the book report due 7 September:

- Karen Martin Please knock before you enter (2008)
- Shawn Wilson Research is ceremony (2009)
- Martin Nakata Disciplining the savages; savaging the disciplines (2007)
- Linda Tuhiwai Smith Decolonizing methodologies (2nd ed; 2012)
- Castejon, Cole, Haag, Hughes Ngapartji, Ngapartji: In turn, in turn (2014)

Each student will only read ONE of these books each. However, it is your responsibility to source the book you are reading. We will decide on who will read which book by the end of week two.

Week 6
No new reading

Week 7
No new reading

Week 8
The readings for week 8 will be determined by the class during week 7 - each student will nominate one article relevant to their research interests.

Week 9
For week 9 we will look at four online sources of information:

Glen Coulthard https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6NdQwJyT1U


Information about Alaskan example https://tm112.community.uaf.edu/unit-4/federal-recognition-
of-alaska-tribes-and-relations-with-the-state-of-alaska/

Australian Recognise campaign website  http://www.recognise.org.au/


**Week 10**

No new reading (work in progress presentations)

**Week 11**

No new reading (in-class film and discussion)

**Week 12**

No new reading

**Week 13**

No new reading

**EXT students - additional information about unit delivery**

This unit is offered online for EXT students and access to the internet and a computer are essential (mobile technology such as an iphone or ipad are not sufficient for this course).

Online units can be accessed at: https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/MQ/

For technical support with passwords or to check if the Learning Management System (LMS) is down, go to http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/

For basic training in how to use the LMS, please go to http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/index.htm

For Learning & Teaching issues e.g. how to access your online materials such as readings, i-lecture, please contact the Unit Convenor.

**Unit Schedule**

Please note: the italicized 'Research process' topics each week are the hands-on work we will be doing each week that relates to the production of research (including your final project).
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### Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

  For more information visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/](http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/)

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/) 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](http://www.mq.edu.au/eStudent). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://www.mq.edu.au/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://www.mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- [StudyWise](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/)
- Ask a Learning Adviser

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://www.mq.edu.au/ask.mq.edu.au)

**Equity Support**

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/) 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](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.
Graduate Capabilities

Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking
We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks

• Analysis of an article
• Book report
• Annotated bibliography
• Work in progress report
• Final project
• Research portfolio

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills
Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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• Participation

Problem Solving and ResearchCapability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

• Explain the principles of a range of Indigenous Research Methodologies appropriate for application in research with Indigenous peoples
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Assessment tasks

• Annotated bibliography
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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Justify your role as an Indigenous or non-Indigenous researcher or practitioner undertaking research or work with Indigenous communities.
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- Interpret and communicate the principles of current Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies guidelines to Indigenous community and professional audiences.

**Assessment tasks**

- Research portfolio
- Participation

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Apply appropriate Indigenous Studies theoretical frameworks to resolve a range of ethical problems in Indigenous research.
- Critically reflect on current issues in Indigenous affairs and develop a proposal for small research project to address the problem.

**Assessment tasks**

- Work in progress report
- Final project
- Research portfolio
Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

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**Assessment tasks**

- Book report
- Annotated bibliography
- Work in progress report
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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Justify your role as an Indigenous or non-Indigenous researcher or practitioner
undertaking research or work with Indigenous communities.

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**Assessment tasks**

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• Participation

**Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative**

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

• Recognise the historical legacies of research and subsequent effects on research practices with Indigenous peoples today.

**Assessment tasks**

• Analysis of an article

• Book report

• Annotated bibliography

• Final project

• Research portfolio

**Commitment to Continuous Learning**

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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