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Prerequisites
Admission to MIndigenousEd or PGDipIndigenousEd or PGCertIndigenousEd or GradDipIndigenousEd or GradCertIndigenousEd

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit begins by providing students with an historical context of education methods practiced by Indigenous Australians prior to European occupancy. It also examines how Western education practices and policies have influenced the lives of Indigenous Australians since colonisation. The exclusion of Indigenous Australians from various public schools systems is explored in depth.

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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General Assessment Information

Submission

The weekly activity will be submitted online.

The research essay will be submitted via turnitin (links provided in iLearn)

The teaching resource will be submitted either via email to convenor or mail (where applicable). It is best to contact convenor to work out the best way of submitting individual works, depending on formats used, etc.

Extensions

Extensions will be given in extenuating circumstances such as illness or death of family or friend. However, if you are having trouble submitting your work on time please contact the convenor to see if other arrangements might be made in difficult circumstances.

Penalties

There is a 2% per day (including weekends) penalty for work submitted after the due date, without an extension.

Assessment Tasks

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Weekly Online Activity

Due: **Sunday of each week**

Weighting: **30%**

Students are required to provide a response of approximately 250 words to the weekly online activity. There are 13 weeks in the semester and each week will be given a mark out of 10. The best 10 weeks will then be added together to give you a total mark out of 100. This will then be
reduced to a percentage of 30% which will contribute to your final grade.

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Teaching Resource
Due: **Week 7 25 April, 5pm**
Weighting: **30%**

This assessment requires students to develop a teaching resource for use in their school, organisation, workplace, or community, based on a theme covered in the unit.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
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Research Essay
Due: **10 June, 5 pm**
Weighting: **40%**

Students will be required to choose one from three set research essay questions and provide a 4,000 word written response in the form of an essay.
The questions, as well as further instructions and rubrics for this exercise are on the iLearn site for this unit.

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Delivery and Resources

This unit is delivered externally. There are no on-campus sessions.

Most weeks are supported by a lecture of between 20-50 minutes, retrievable via the Echo system in iLearn. Beyond this, students will be required to keep up with the required reading for each week.

The main site of interaction and information for this unit is via iLearn which contains the following:

• Weekly thematic tabs
• Echo Lectures
• Assessment Guide
• Assessment Instructions
• Assessment Rubrics
• Bibliographies
• Resources,
• Notices
• Online Forum

Required Texts


Unit Schedule

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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 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 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. 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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**Assessment tasks**

- Weekly Online Activity
- Teaching Resource
- Research Essay

**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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Assessment tasks**

- Teaching Resource
- Research Essay

**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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Assessment task

• Research Essay

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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Assessment tasks

• Weekly Online Activity
• Teaching Resource
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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Weekly Online Activity
- Teaching Resource

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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