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General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
39cp or 6cp in AHIS units at 200 level

Corequisites

Co-badged status
The unit is co-badged with International Studies (Croatian Studies)

Unit description
This course explores the human past from prehistoric times to the Middle Ages in the region of Dalmatia. The students will examine a range of archaeological material and sites – as well as important written and epigraphic sources – from the eastern Adriatic coast and its deep hinterland. It will enable students to engage in a study of long term historical processes affecting landscape, habitation, etc. in the region which is known as a border area, positioned as a liminal zone between different cultural circles. Students will be able to tackle a number of different periods (Iron Age, Greek, settlement, Roman, Early Christian, Early Medieval, Byzantine, etc.) relevant for the study of Ancient history and archaeology, but also for understanding Croatian culture and the past.

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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2. Acquire the ability to formulate arguments and articulate ideas.
3. Acquire basic research skills.
4. Acquire broad knowledge of Dalmatian archaeology and history in different periods and
Assessment Tasks

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Major Essay

Due: **09/06/16**  
Weighting: **40%**

Major essay is 2500 words essay (tolerance +/- 10%), and due on 5PM, 9th of June. Please submit it as an email attachment to Danijel Dzino (topics 1 and 4) and Charles Barnett (topics 2 and 3).

Questions:

1. Can we talk about Illyrians in pre-Roman Dalmatia?

2. How much the myths of Cadmus and Harmonia or Diomedes tell us about the Graeco-Indigenous contacts in future Dalmatia?

3. Compare old and new approaches to 'romanization' of cults in Dalmatia, with particular emphasis on cult of Silvanus.

4. Describe 9th century in Dalmatia. What are the most important characteristics of this period? Was it 'Carolingian', 'Croat' or 'Dalmatian Renaissance'?

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**Short paper**

*Due: 31/03/2016*

*Weighting: 30%*

You must submit one tutorial paper (1200 words), which is based on tutorial question. Tutorial papers are due on 31/3. Please submit it as an email attachment to Danijel Dzino (questions 4-6) or Charles Barnett (questions 1-3) by 5PM.

Questions:

1. Discuss Illyrian helmets in future Dalmatia and surrounding areas – especially their purpose and significance
2. Strabo claims that the Iapodes were people who are Illyrians and Celts. Is there archaeological evidence to support this claim?
3. What was the impact of Roman conquest on indigenous communities?
4. Describe early Christianity in Dalmatia before 7th century. What are its major characteristics?
5. What happened in 7th century Dalmatia? Was there Slav migration?
6. Discuss main points in transformation of the cities from Late Antique to Early Medieval Dalmatia

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Online Quiz
Due: **Week 9 and Week 14**
Weighting: **30%**

Answer a series of questions (e.g. multiple choice, true/false) from lectures in limited time. The questions will be based on lectures and lecture powerpoints. The quiz will go live at **6pm on the Thursday of the relevant weeks (9 & 14) and close at 11.59pm on the Sunday night (12-15/5, and 16-19/6)**. You will not have access to the quiz after this time and you cannot take a 'make up' quiz later to catch up. **Complete the quiz using the iLearn quiz tool.** The quizzes carry 15% each.

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Delivery and Resources
To complete the unit satisfactorily you will need to achieve an overall mark worth 50% or above

Lectures will be recorded and available via Echo 360, together with powerpoints from the lectures.

Most of the resources are available in iLearn, but there are some items available for this unit in e-reserve, reserve collection or general library collection.

There are also significant resources online (see iLearn for recommended websites)

Bulk of literature on archaeology of Dalmatia is written in Croatian, Serbian and Bosnian languages. The unit will primarily use English language literature, but if you can read those languages it cannot hurt to put your knowledge to a good use.

There are no tutorials. Attendance at lectures is recommended for internal students.

Personal computer and Internet access are required. Basic computer skills (e.g., internet browsing) and skills in word processing are also a requirement. Any problem, contact **onehelp@mq.edu.au** (9850 4357) and not the unit convener.

Set books
- Due to a high price, you are not expected to obtain both books (especially *Becoming Slav*) - library has electronic and hard copy. However, it would be useful to have at least your own copy of *Illyricum in Roman Politics*.


## Unit Schedule

The unit deals with the territory of Roman and Late antique Dalmatia (parts of modern-day Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania and western Serbia)

**Week 1**: Introduction to the course: Geography, scholarship and overview of the unit.

**Week 2**: The written sources for ancient and Early Middle Ages

**Week 3**: Iron Ages

**Week 4**: Bribirksa glavica: learning about the site

**Week 5**: The Adriatic Greeks

**Week 6**: The Roman conquest

**Week 7**: No lecture

**Week 8**: Roman Liburnia

**Week 9**: Roman Dalmatia

**Week 10**: Late antiquity and Early Christianity

**Week 11**: Slav migrations

The end of antiquity

**Week 12**: Dark Age archaeology (ca. 600-800)

**Week 13**: Medieval archaeology

## 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:

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

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/

**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.

**Student Support**

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

**Learning Skills**

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

- Workshop
- 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

**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/.

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

Problem Solving and Research Capability

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.

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Assessment tasks

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• Short paper

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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