

# HUMN 0019 STUDIES OF SOCIETY (WSTC)

**Credit Points** 10

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**Description** This unit aims to help students develop an understanding and appreciation of Australian society. The unit will provide general information and familiarise students with key structures, events, concepts and terminology used in relation to Australia's modern society. At the end of this unit, students should have greater knowledge and understanding on Australia's history, governmental and political systems. They will learn about consumer laws, civilian rights and responsibilities as well as the composition of Australia's population and relevant variations and trends.

**School** Western Sydney The College

**Discipline** Studies in Human Society, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

**Restrictions** Students must be enrolled in a Foundation program at The College.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Define and explain some key concepts related to the subject
2. Identify key elements of Australian society, e.g. population composition and historical events
3. Demonstrate an understanding of Australian institutions and systems, e.g. business, governmental, judicial and political systems
4. Interpret information in the form of text, graphs, statistics and illustrations
5. Write notes, summaries and extended responses based on unit content, readings and class discussions
6. Distinguish and respond to key words and terms in relation to Australian society

## Subject Content

### 1. Australia - History

Settlement by Indigenous peoples and their location across Australia.

1788 the arrival of Europeans.

The role of convicts and migrants in establishing and developing Australia.

### 2. Australia's Population

Common statistics on size, age, distribution and cultural composition of Australia's population.

Reasons for variations, settlement patterns, range of belief systems and future population trends.

### 3. Australia's Government System

The three tiered system of government. The role and responsibilities associated with Local, State and Federal levels of government.

### 4. Australia's Political Framework

Role of political parties in a democratic society. Types of political parties.

Electoral and voting processes in Australia.

### 5. Australian Legal System

The role of the judicial system (independent of government and military sections)

Common civilian rights and responsibilities as well as consumer laws.

### 6. Business In Australia - Consumers - Satisfying Wants

Needs, wants, goods, and services.

Factors determining which wants are satisfied.

### 7. Business In Australia - Consumers - Money

Barter, money, exchange, credit, interest and interest rates, purchasing goods and services - retail, direct sales, direct marketing.

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
In-class Test	70 minutes	15	N	Individual
Stimulus Response Task	900 words	15	N	Individual
In-class Extended (with 350 word Essay Plan submitted prior) Response	60 minutes	20	N	Individual
End of Session Exam (Take Home)	2 hours 10 minutes	50	N	Individual

Teaching Periods