

HUMN 1060 INTRODUCTION TO INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA: PEOPLES, PLACES AND PHILOSOPHIES

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102815

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Description This unit introduces students to the rich diversity: past, present and future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia with emphasis placed on the importance of identity, diversity, representation and resilience. You will engage directly with Indigenous sources and learn to critically analyse content from Indigenous Standpoints. Presenting as a challenging and thought-provoking experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, places and philosophies, this unit provides a solid theoretical foundation of Indigenous perspectives for the knowledges and professional practices in your chosen field.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Indigenous Studies

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Equivalent Subjects CULT 1020 - Working with Communities CULT 1021 - Working with Communities (WSTC) HUMN 1062 - Introduction to Indigenous Australia Peoples Places and Philosophies (WSTC)

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Outline the history of Indigenous Australia since British colonisation.
2. Discuss the social, cultural and political situations and circumstances that challenge contemporary Indigenous Australia.
3. Explain societal misconceptions, ideas, attitudes and assumptions about Indigenous Australia.
4. Discuss the importance of core concepts including identity, diversity, representation and resilience.
5. Adopt a socially and culturally responsive personal and professional approach to Indigenous Australia.

Subject Content

Indigenous Research Matters: Reading, writing and terminology

Indigenous Worlds: Where do you stand?

An historical timeline: tracing major events from pre-colonisation to today

Contemporary Indigenous Identities

Indigenous Land and Country

Indigenous spaces and places

Indigenous people and the arts: representation and narrative

Interrogating 'Closing the gap' and other policies in relation to

Indigenous social determinants

Indigenous people and intersectionality

Racism and Privilege

Working in Indigenous contexts

Why Indigenous Social Sciences Matters

Indigenous Worlds, Land, Country and Kinship

Race and Settler Colonialism

Contemporary Indigenous Identities and Intersectionality

Interrogating 'Closing the Gap' and other policies in relation to Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous Incarceration and Social Activism

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
Quiz	30 minutes	10	N	Individual
Case Study	1,200 words	40	N	Individual
Essay	1,500 words	50	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

Summer A

Liverpool

Day

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WSU Online TRI-1

Wsu Online

Online

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Spring

Penrith (Kingswood)

Day

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Liverpool

Day

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Online

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Day

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WSU Online TRI-3

Wsu Online

Online

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Sydney City Campus - Term 3

Sydney City

Day

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