

HUMN 3015 AUSTRALIAN HISTORY AROUND US

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102516

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Description Historians are detectives, searching for clues and unravelling the puzzles of the past. A walk down your local street holds many clues about the history of a local area - from the name of the street, the architecture of the buildings, the trees planted by the road, even the new building that indicates a recent change. Local studies are used as the foundation for socio-economic studies across many disciplines while an understanding of local history contributes to establishing personal and community identities. In this unit students will learn research skills to uncover the lives of people from the past, re-imagine familiar places and consider events long forgotten that happened in the streets of their suburbs. The final assignment is a chance to turn these discoveries into a new history for their community.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline History

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your HECS Band contribution amount via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Equivalent Subjects HUMN 3038 - Exploring Local History

Restrictions Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Locate historical sources about Australian places
2. Interpret historical sources relating to a particular locality
3. Research people, places and events in the past
4. Explain the historical processes shaping the development of localities
5. Integrate a variety of historical resources into a historical narrative

Subject Content

Local history and national histories

Family history and community history

Observing signs of the past ?walking the streets, wandering the cemeteries

Hearing the past ? using oral histories

Investigating local history ?public records; maps and photographs

Using digital records ? tracing people and places

Investigating communities in the past ? getting around; earning a living; living locally - education, religion, sport and entertainment

Retrieving hidden or forgotten pasts

Telling the story - writing and exhibiting local history

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
Portfolio of local history resources	1,000 words	30	N	Individual
Presentation of project plan (a/v on line)	5 minutes/500 words	20	N	Individual
Local history project report	3,000 words	50	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Book of readings or online resources

Teaching Periods