

# HUMN 3016 AUSTRALIAN HISTORY SINCE 1920

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**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 100987

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**Description** In 2013 this unit replaced by 101999 - Twentieth Century Australia. This unit includes a general overview of major developments in Australian political and social history since 1920, and also focuses on particular issues such as the Great Depression, 1949 coal strike, the Petrov Affair and the Whitlam dismissal.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** History

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

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LGYA 0953 - Australian History Since 1920 LGYB 4929 - Australian History Since 1920

**Restrictions** Successful completion of 60 credit points

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. To give students the background needed to make them perceptive and critical observers of contemporary Australian society and politics;
2. To present the major issues of political conflict in Australia over the last sixty years;
3. To encourage students to analyse the class interests in various conflicts;
4. To encourage students to develop an awareness of Australia's role in international affairs as it has developed since 1920;
5. To provide students with an overview of themes in recent Australian history, especially as they relate to issues of Australian identity;
6. To encourage students to further incorporate primary sources in their studies of Australian history and to develop skills that will make this possible.

## Subject Content

Popular culture in the 1920s and 1930s

D.H. Lawrence, Kangaroo

The Great Depression- economic, social and political issues

Kylie Tennant's The Battlers

Foreign policy in the 1930s

World War Two- military and homefront issues

The 1949 coal strike

The Labor Split

The Cold War

The Petrov Affair

Immigration and suburbanisation

Aboriginal Issues

The Swinging Sixties and 1970s radicalism

The Whitlam dismissal

The New Right  
The New Labor Right  
Rupert Murdoch and Super League

Prescribed Texts

- Ken Buckley and Ted Wheelwright, False Paradise, OUP, Melbourne, 1998

Teaching Periods