

HUMN 3049 HOME AND AWAY: ETHNICITY AND MIGRATION IN AUSTRALIA

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101611

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Description Using contemporary and historical sociological accounts of migration and ethnicity, this subject analyses the social, cultural and economic impact of international migration, with specific reference to Australia. It further introduces students to major sociological issues, both theoretical and empirical, relating to the construction of migrant groups within settler societies through interviews and qualitative analysis. Key concerns of the subject include the position of indigenous peoples, race and racism, ethnic identity, and ethnic conflict and cooperation in society.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Sociology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Equivalent Subjects LGYA 1305 - Sociology of Ethnicity and Migration

Restrictions

Successful completion of 80 credit points.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Upon completion of this subject students will be able to:
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the significance of migration in the formation of Australian class structures and cultures.
3. Critically assess the linkages between ethnic identity construction and other forms of identity in Australia.
4. Understand, and be able to demonstrate the specific issues and problems involved in conducting sociological research in the area of migration and ethnicity.
5. Locate the sociology of migration and ethnic formation in the broader context of social transformation in the world system and the international division of labour.
6. Identify and describe the significance of indigenous peoples in the construction of settler societies like Australia.

Subject Content

History of population movements
 Concepts of race and ethnicity
 Indigenous peoples
 Theories of migration
 Ethnicity and the nation-state
 Demographic characteristics of Australian society
 Multiculturalism in Australia
 Whiteness and ethnicity
 Transnationalism and new forms of migration

Refugees and asylum seekers in Australia
 Ethnicity and Violence

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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Literature Review	750 words	25	N	Individual	Y
Report	1,250 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Liverpool

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