



EDCU14033 Geography

Term 1 - 2021

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General Information

Overview

In this unit you will develop your professional knowledge and skills as a Geography educator. This involves interpreting and using relevant resources, including Geography curriculum, to extend your pedagogical content knowledge. You learn how Geography creates a bridge between the natural and social sciences. Your understanding of Geographical Inquiry as a key pedagogical approach to examine patterns and relationships within and between places is developed using integrative reflections to further improve both your teaching and student learning. The unit enhances your development as a beginning professional, and consolidates key aspects of your substantive professional knowledge, skills and dispositions.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 4*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 7

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisite: EDCU12039

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2021

- Bundaberg
- Mackay City
- Online
- Rockhampton

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

2. **Practical and Written Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student and tutor feedback

Feedback

Positive comments in regard to how the two assessment tasks were linked.

Recommendation

Maintain the new assessment structure and tasks.

Feedback from Student feedback

Feedback

Confusion as to how the assessments are to be linked to professional literature.

Recommendation

Scaffold the writing of justification using academic references more explicitly.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Evaluate the potential of ICTs for expanding learning opportunities and promoting purposeful engagement with geographical concepts and inquiry processes
2. Review practices used to develop and support the safe, responsible and ethical use of digital information, tools and resources
3. Critically evaluate professional learning and engagement to improve practice in Geographical education
4. Synthesise understandings of the knowledge, practice and dispositions of a Geography educator.

Successful completion of this unit provides opportunities for students to engage with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Graduate Career Stage) focus areas of:

- 2.1 Content and teaching strategies of the teaching area
- 2.2 Content selection and organisation
- 2.6 Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- 3.4 Select and use resources
- 3.6 Evaluate and improve teaching programs
- 4.1 Support student participation
- 4.5 Use ICT safely, responsibly and ethically
- 6.1 Identify and plan professional learning needs
- 6.3 Engage with colleagues and improve practice
- 6.4 Apply professional learning and improve student learning

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Practical Assessment - 50%	•	•		

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
2 - Practical and Written Assessment - 50%		•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Communication	•	•		•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•	
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•	•	•	•
5 - Team Work	•	•		
6 - Information Technology Competence	•	•		
7 - Cross Cultural Competence				
8 - Ethical practice		•		
9 - Social Innovation				
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Practical Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		
2 - Practical and Written Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•	•	•				

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

EDCU14033

Prescribed

Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences: Teaching and learning across Australia

Edition: 7 (2020)

Authors: Rob Gilbert, Libby Tudball & Peter Brett (Editors)

Cengage Learning Australia

South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

ISBN: 9780170424165

Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

This is the same textbook used for EDCU12041 Sustainability through Active Citizenship and EDCU12042 History Curriculum and Pedagogy. There is an online version of this textbook available if preferred.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 08 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
What is Geography?	This unit uses chapters 4, 5, 8, 11 and 12 of the Gilbert and Hoepper <i>Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences (6th edition)</i> text used in EDCU12041 Sustainability through Active Citizenship and EDCU12042 History Curriculum and Pedagogy. Depending when you did these units you may have Gilbert, Tudball & Brett, <i>Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences (7th edition)</i> in which case the relevant chapters are 4, 5, 9, 12 & 13.	

Week 2 - 15 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Geographic Knowledge and Understanding Specific readings on Moodle site

Week 3 - 22 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Geographical inquiry and inquiry skills	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Week 4 - 29 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Using ICTs in Geography	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Week 5 - 05 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Inclusive and collaborative practice in Geography	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Vacation Week - 12 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Using ICT in Geography Due: Vacation Week Monday (12 Apr 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 6 - 19 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The role of a Geography educator	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Week 7 - 26 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Developing Geographical learning experiences	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Week 8 - 03 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Understanding fieldwork	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Week 9 - 10 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Fieldwork in theory and practice (part 1)	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Week 10 - 17 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Fieldwork in theory and practice (part 2)	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Week 11 - 24 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Fieldwork - Working with primary data	Specific readings on Moodle site	

Week 12 - 31 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Unit review		

Review/Exam Week - 07 Jun 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 14 Jun 2021

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Assessment Tasks

1 Using ICT in Geography

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

For your assessments in this unit, you will be developing a Geographic inquiry that includes the use of ICTs and a field study. You will therefore need to identify an appropriate 'place' in your local area that would be suitable for a field excursion. It can be a natural or built environment.

The two assessments in this unit can be undertaken individually or in a pair. If you choose to work in a pair, you will receive the same grade as your partner for both your assignments.

Your inquiry will follow the process outlined in the Inquiry and Skills strand of the HASS Curriculum. You have a choice to develop a Year 1 OR a Year 5 inquiry as follows:

Year 1: *Key question:* How can we care for places? *Geographic concept:* Environment

Knowledge and Understanding content descriptor: The natural, managed and constructed features of places, their location, how they change and how they can be cared for ([ACHASSK031 - Scootle](#))

Year 5: *Key question:* How do people influence the human characteristics of places and the management of spaces within them? *Geographic concept:* Environment

Knowledge and Understanding content descriptor: The environmental and human influences on the location and characteristics of a place and the management of spaces within them ([ACHASSK113 - Scootle](#))

Geography assessment 1

For this assignment, you will be examining appropriate ICTs to expand learning opportunities and promote engagement with the relevant Geographic content; the conceptual understanding of 'environment'; as well as developing understanding of inquiry and fostering inquiry skills.

You will need to provide sufficient description (in words and/or pictures) of your 'place' to give the marker context.

You will need to find four ICTs that may be useful in promoting the knowledge and understanding and/or skill/s relevant to your inquiry. You will then use the decision-making matrix, provided on the Moodle site, to make a final selection of two. You will then justify your selection (1000 words), using appropriate academic literature, in terms of the ICTs' ability to:

- enhance understanding of the relevant content and concept;
- develop relevant inquiry skills;
- support collaborative and inclusive classroom practice;
- as well as demonstrating your understanding of the safe and ethical use of online resources.

Assessment Due Date

Vacation Week Monday (12 Apr 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Feedback on this assessment will be provided in sufficient time to allow for academic support and advice as necessary to inform students' responses to the next assessment task.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Appropriate selection and justification of ICTs to build Geographic content and conceptual knowledge

Appropriate selection and justification of ICTs to develop Geographic inquiry skills

Appropriate selection and justification of ICTs for collaborative and inclusive classroom practice

Demonstrated understanding of the safe and ethical use of ICTs in classrooms

Appropriate use of discipline specific, academic language and APA referencing

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Evaluate the potential of ICTs for expanding learning opportunities and promoting purposeful engagement with geographical concepts and inquiry processes
- Review practices used to develop and support the safe, responsible and ethical use of digital information, tools and resources

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Understanding Fieldwork

Assessment Type

Practical and Written Assessment

Task Description

This assessment is a continuation of the inquiry you developed for assignment 1. You must use the same 'place', year level, content descriptor and concept: environment. Depending on feedback from your first assignment, you may modify your inquiry question if required.

You wish to undertake a field study excursion next term to your identified 'place' as part of your Geographic inquiry. You need your Principal's permission for this so will have to justify the field study's relevance and logistics.

To do this, you will need to undertake the proposed excursion yourself and evaluate the planned activities in terms of:

- their relevance in promoting understanding of the relevant content and the conceptual understanding of 'environment';
- their ability to develop the students' Geographic inquiry skills;
- and the logistics of the excursion, including a risk assessment.

You will need to submit your email to the Principal (1500 words) seeking permission based on your evaluation, including contextual photographs and the risk assessment. Your email should be in the form of a justification supported by appropriate reference to the curriculum, any relevant policies, and academic literature.

You will also need to attach a field study booklet, including activities that would be undertaken before, during, and after the excursion and a marking guide for teachers outlining appropriate responses to the activities.

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Monday (7 June 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Feedback on this final assessment response will be provided following moderation and prior to the Date of Certification

of Grades for the term.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Demonstrated understanding of the use of fieldwork to develop Geographic content and conceptual knowledge

Demonstrated understanding of the use of fieldwork to develop understanding of Geographic inquiry and inquiry skills

Demonstrated understanding of safe and ethical practice in fieldwork

Appropriate choice of learning activities before, during and after the field study

Demonstrated understanding of the role of a Geography educator

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Review practices used to develop and support the safe, responsible and ethical use of digital information, tools and resources
- Critically evaluate professional learning and engagement to improve practice in Geographical education
- Synthesise understandings of the knowledge, practice and dispositions of a Geography educator.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem