



HIST19031 Australia on the World Stage: History and Politics

Term 1 - 2020

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General Information

Overview

In this unit you will look at Australia and its place in a changing world. It begins with the human settlement of the Australian continent and its 'international' trade before 1788. You will then explore the impact of colonisation, the development of democratic institutions, and the emergence of a modern, multicultural nation. In the first half of the unit, you will consider key moments when Australia was on the world stage, such as the gold rushes, the Federation Movement, the world-leading women's rights movement, participation in the World Wars, and the failed republic campaign. In the second half of the unit, you will explore Australia's relationship with various nations. This unit challenges you to consider how Australia became the nation that it is today and how it has managed its relations with other countries. While this is a history unit, it also covers many topics in the arts including politics, geography, and international relations.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 3*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisite: Minimum of 18 credit points

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 - 2020

- Online

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. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

2. **Essay**

Weighting: 50%

3. **Online Quiz(zes)**

Weighting: 20%

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 emails.

Feedback

Students have indicated they would like more opportunities to discuss ideas and issues from the unit.

Recommendation

Three online tutorials spread over the term will be introduced as part of the unit. These will provide an informal opportunity for students to converse with the lecturer and fellow students on issues arising from the readings and ask questions about the assessment items.

Unit Learning Outcomes














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

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the First Nations that occupied what is now Australia and the impact of colonisation
2. Develop a broad knowledge of Australian society and its evolving relationships with the United Kingdom, United States of America, and selected nations of the Asia-Pacific region
3. Evaluate Australia's place in the world and its performance on the world stage from the eighteenth century till today
4. Apply historical skills including the ability to read academic writing critically and analytically and to present an argument in a formal essay.






















Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

 N/A Level	 Introductory Level	 Intermediate Level	 Graduate Level	 Professional Level	 Advanced Level
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Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	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 - Written Assessment - 30%										
2 - Online Quiz(zes) - 20%										
3 - Essay - 50%										

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

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: [Turabian](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 09 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia and the world before 1788	Study Guide Topic 1	

Week 2 - 16 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia as British colonies	Study Guide Topic 2	

Week 3 - 23 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The White Australia Policy	Study Guide Topic 3	

Week 4 - 30 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Dominion to Almost Republic	Study Guide Topic 4	

Week 5 - 06 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia's Relations with NZ and the Pacific	Study Guide Topic 5	

Vacation Week - 13 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Essay 1 Due: Vacation Week Friday (17 Apr 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 6 - 20 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia and PNG	Study Guide Topic 6	

Week 7 - 27 Apr 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia and the USA	Study Guide Topic 7	
Week 8 - 04 May 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia and Indonesia	Study Guide Topic 8	
Week 9 - 11 May 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia and China	Study Guide Topic 9	
Week 10 - 18 May 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia and Japan	Study Guide Topic 10	
Week 11 - 25 May 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australia and the UN	Study Guide Topic 11	
Week 12 - 01 Jun 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Into the 21st Century: A Summary	Study Guide Topic 12	Essay 2 Due: Week 12 Friday (5 June 2020) 11:45 pm AEST
Review/Exam Week - 08 Jun 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Online Quiz Due: Review/Exam Week Friday (12 June 2020) 11:45 pm AEST
Exam Week - 15 Jun 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Assessment Tasks

1 Essay 1

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Select ONE (1) of the questions on Moodle under "Essay 1" and answer it in an essay of 1,500 words (10% variation is acceptable).

References and bibliography must be included in the Turabian referencing style. Please read the instructions carefully and consult the essay-writing and referencing guides provided on the HIST19031 Moodle website.

CQUni Library holds a range of Australian history books and there are additional resources in the Digital Readings (DRs) on Moodle. You should also search the CQUni Library databases for relevant scholarly articles on the topic of your choice. Only use articles from peer-reviewed journals or other reputable academic sources, and be sure to provide accurate citations (footnotes). You are expected to consult a minimum of six (6) tertiary-standard academic books and/or journal articles in the preparation of the research essay

Before submission, ensure that your research essay meets the assessment criteria listed below.

Assessment Due Date

Vacation Week Friday (17 Apr 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 7 Friday (1 May 2020)

Essays will be returned within two weeks.

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

The essays are marked on three principle criteria that can be summarised as CREW. This stands for: Content, Research, and Essay Writing.

Content:

- presentation of accurate, relevant and unbiased historical evidence
- evidence that the relevant(s) lecture has been listened to

Research (and referencing):

- evidence drawn primarily from scholarly texts
- acknowledgement of all sources of ideas/evidence (footnote) and any quotations (footnote and quote marks)
- correct use of the Turabian referencing style

Essay Writing:

- meeting the required number of words, the bulk of which should be own wording
- logical structure/organisation of ideas
- clear, concise and correct written English
- presentation in formal essay style and layout

Referencing Style

- [Turabian](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Develop a broad knowledge of Australian society and its evolving relationships with the United Kingdom, United States of America, and selected nations of the Asia-Pacific region
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- Apply historical skills including the ability to read academic writing critically and analytically and to present an argument in a formal essay.

Graduate Attributes

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

2 Essay 2

Assessment Type

Essay

Task Description

You must select ONE (1) of the questions on Moodle under "Essay 2" and answer it in an essay of 2,000 words (10% variation is acceptable). Make sure you consider and incorporate the feedback from the first essay.

References and bibliography must be included in the Turabian referencing style. Please read the instructions carefully and consult the essay-writing and referencing guides provided on the HIST19031 Moodle website.

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Before submission, ensure that your research essay meets the assessment criteria listed below.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (5 June 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Friday (19 June 2020)

Essay 2 will be returned within 2 weeks.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

The essays are marked on three principle criteria that can be summarised as CREW. This stands for: Content, Research, and Essay Writing.

Content:

- presentation of accurate, relevant and unbiased historical evidence
- evidence that the relevant(s) lecture has been listened to

Research (and referencing):

- evidence drawn primarily from scholarly texts
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Essay Writing:

- meeting the required number of words, the bulk of which should be own wording
- logical structure/organisation of ideas
- clear, concise and correct written English
- presentation in formal essay style and layout

Referencing Style

- [Turabian](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate an understanding of the First Nations that occupied what is now Australia and the impact of colonisation
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Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

3 Online Quiz

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

Through Moodle you will undertake a online quiz consisting of twenty (20) questions to test your understanding and knowledge of the unit content. The questions will be drawn from the lectures and the Study Guides. The quiz is comprised of true/false questions, one or two word responses, and multi-choice questions with four options. The quiz must be completed within one (1) hour and on the first attempt. The online quiz will open on Monday 8 June close Friday 12 June at 11:45pm

Number of Quizzes

1

Frequency of Quizzes

Other

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Friday (12 June 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Review/Exam Week Friday (12 June 2020)

Results will be available online after submission.

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

The online quiz is a review of the entire unit so make sure you keep notes throughout the term. Questions will be from the lectures and study guides. The assessment task will assess your knowledge and understanding of issues raised in the unit and also your ability to take effective notes and retain information.

Referencing Style

- [Turabian](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate an understanding of the First Nations that occupied what is now Australia and the impact of colonisation
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Graduate Attributes

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

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