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AUSTRALIAN STUDIES AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

Australian Studies at Flinders University has long been one of its most popular majors. Students usually find it very different from the Australian Studies they have studied in school. It is possible to take it as a major sequence and many students undertake it in conjunction with Aboriginal Studies at Yunggorendi First Nations Centre here at Flinders. Please note that there are core topics in Australian Studies and a variety of interesting electives from which to choose.

For more details about Australian Studies at Flinders, please feel free to email the Director of Studies, Dr Shannon Dowling on shannon.dowling@flinders.edu.au and we can set up an appointment to talk further, if you wish.

CAREERS

Australian Studies will help equip you for a wide range of careers, including teaching, journalism and the Public Service.

Australian Studies is an interdisciplinary program. Depending on the combination and number of topics completed, Education students undertaking an Australian Studies major or minor will be well qualified to teach the new National Curriculum as well as existing SACE subjects. Australian Studies equips students to teach in the following learning areas:

- Civics and Citizenship
- History
- Geography
- Aboriginal Studies (SACE)

Australian Studies also prepares students with some knowledge and skills to teach the ‘cross-curriculum priorities’ of the National Curriculum, including ‘Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures’, ‘Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia’ and ‘Sustainability’.
PROGRAM OF STUDY

The following is the program of study for a 36 unit major sequence in Australian Studies and should be read in conjunction with the course rule for the degree in which you are enrolled.

MAJOR - AUSTRALIAN STUDIES

YEAR 1 TOPICS

- AUST1001 Australian Studies: Identities (4.5 units)

PLUS 4.5 units from the year 1 topics listed below (ie please choose ONE topic):

SEMESTER ONE

- POLI1003 An Introduction to Democracy and Government (4.5 units)
- HIST1203 A Brief History of Australia (4.5 units)

SEMESTER TWO

- AUST1004 An Introduction to Aboriginal Studies (4.5 units)
- HIST1803 ‘The Lucky Country'? Australia and the World since 1939 (4.5 units)

YEAR 2 TOPICS

- AUST2500 Australian Studies: Social and Political Cultures (4.5 units)

PLUS 4.5 units from the year 2 topics listed below

SEMESTER ONE

- POLI2011 Australian Public Policy: Applications, Issues and Dilemmas (4.5 units)
- POLI2019 Parties, Voting Behaviour and Elections in Australia (4.5 units)
- POLI2020 Australian Indigenous Politics (4.5 units)

SEMESTER TWO

- AUST2610 Australian Studies: Indigenous Australian Art (4.5 units)
- AUST2611 Australian Languages: Issues and Debates 1 (4.5 units)
- ARCH2202 Australian Indigenous Archaeology (4.5 units)
- AUST2612 Reconciliation and Indigenous Knowledges (4.5 units)
• HIST2015 Maps and Dreams: Indigenous-Settler Relations in Australian History (4.5 units)  *Not offered in 2013.

YEARS TOPICS

YEAR 3 TOPICS

SEMESTER ONE
• AUST3330 Australian Studies: Cultural Theory (4.5 units)

SEMESTER TWO
• AUST3333 Australian Studies: Issues for Australians (4.5 units)

PLUS an additional 9 units from the year 2 topics listed above or from the year 3 topics listed below:

SEMESTER ONE
• INTR3001 Australian Foreign Policy (4.5 units)

SEMESTER TWO
• AUST 3611 Australian Languages: Issues and Debates 2 (4.5 units)
  (please note that the prerequisite for this is successful completion of AUST 2611, Australian Languages: Issues and Debates 1)
• HIST3007 Body Politics in Australian History (4.5 units)

AUSTRALIAN STUDIES HONOURS

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Students undertake 13.5 or 18 units of thesis, 9 units of core topics and 9 or 13.5 units of elective topics.

HONOURS - AUSTRALIAN STUDIES - THESIS TOPICS

Select 13.5 or 18 units from the topics listed below

• AUST7100 Australian Studies: Honours Thesis (18 units)
• AUST7100A Australian Studies: Honours Thesis (9 of 18 units)
• AUST7100B Australian Studies: Honours Thesis (9 of 18 units)
• AUST7100C Australian Studies: Honours Thesis (13.5 units)
HONOURS - AUSTRALIAN STUDIES - CORE TOPICS

- AUST7101 Australian Studies: Approaches to Cultural Theory Part 1 (4.5 units)
- AUST7102 Australian Studies: Approaches to Cultural Theory Part 2 (4.5 units)

HONOURS - AUSTRALIAN STUDIES - ELECTIVE TOPICS

Select 9 or 13.5 units from the topics listed below to make a total of 36 units

**SEMESTER ONE OR TWO**

- AUST7797 Special Topic in Australian Studies A (4.5 units)
- AUST7798 Special Topic in Australian Studies B (4.5 units)
- AUST7799 Special Topic in Australian Studies C (4.5 units)
- HIST7008 Australian History Wars: Half a Century of Debate (4.5 units) *Not offered in 2013 OR
- HIST7012 Destination Australia: Migration since 1900 (4.5 units) *Not offered in 2013.

*Please contact Dr. Shannon Dowling for advice on alternative elective topics in 2013.*
Semester One Topics
AUSTRALIAN STUDIES: IDENTITIES

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 1

Topic Description
This topic introduces students to the field of Australian Studies and the inter-disciplinary study of Australian society. It encourages an awareness of the forces that have shaped and are shaping Australian society and provides an opportunity to analyse changing social and intellectual trends. In this topic students will have the opportunity to examine and question the ways in which concepts of national identity/identities have evolved and to consider the ideologies and formative influences that have shaped the nation. Indigenous and non-Indigenous experience, immigration and multi-cultural policies, equity, environmental and political issues, and Australia's changing geopolitical identifications are scrutinised. Ideas about competing national, cultural and sub-cultural identities are examined in the context of 'identity debates'. Students will ask what it means to be 'Australian' and to identify with 'Australia' and survey the distinctive characteristics, territorial claims and social attitudes implicit in this term. The topic draws on a number of disciplinary perspectives including: Indigenous Studies, Archaeology, Environmental Studies, Legal Studies, Politics, History, Women's Studies, and Media Studies.

Set Texts: AUST1001 Reader, available in Unibooks. The Course Guide will be distributed in the first lecture.

Assessment: Examination (take home), Assignments and Tutorial participation.

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AUST3330

AUSTRALIAN STUDIES: CULTURAL THEORY

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 1
Prerequisites 1 AUST1001 -
1a AUST1001A -
Must Satisfy: ((1 or 1a))

Topic Description
This multi-disciplinary topic is designed to familiarise students with contemporary Australian cultural theory and theorists and with current debates within this broad field of knowledge. It will focus on the Australian context and trace the links between international and Australian cultural theory. The relationship between cultural theory and an understanding of Australian society, culture and 'everyday' practices will be explored and dominant ways of making meaning will be examined. Students will learn to interpret popular cultural texts and understand the role of the Australian media in disseminating cultural meaning. Social constructs including gender, race, ethnicity and sexuality will be explored for their bearing on our 'everyday' Australian practices. Students will develop their critical and analytical skills to enable them to become more sophisticated readers of cultural artifacts. This topic builds upon earlier Australian Studies topics, notably Australian Studies: Identities and Australian Studies: Social and Political Cultures. Students will also find this topic relevant across the spectrum of humanities and social science degrees.

Assessment: Assignments

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Semester Two Topics
AUST1004
AN INTRODUCTION TO ABORIGINAL STUDIES

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 2

Topic Description
This topic introduces students to a study of First Nation societies of Australia. The topic will integrate academic study of Australian history and the implications that result from such history. Indigenous histories, cultures and contemporary dilemmas will be a focus, including opportunities to discuss issues with First Nations Australians. The topic includes field trips to Tji Tji Tjuta - Colebrook site, Eden Hills and Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.

This topic is intended to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Therefore the historical/colonial, post-colonial and contemporary issues as they affect Australia’s First Peoples will be investigated. Rather than limit the focus on selected issues the topic will provide a broad understanding of issues and debates arising from the social, political and cultural interactions between and within Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

Assessment: Assignment(s); Tutorial presentation; Tutorial participation.

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AUST2500
AUSTRALIAN STUDIES: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CULTURES

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 2

Topic Description
This topic builds upon and extends the disciplinary knowledge base provided by AUST1001 Australian Studies: Identities by taking the investigation into key aspects of Australian culture. Australian Studies: Social and Political Cultures provides a firm foundation of knowledge about Australian social and political cultures as dynamic contemporary phenomena, within their specific historical contexts. The topic traverses matters as diverse as theories about culture relevant to the Australian context; cultural contestations in Australian society and politics, both settler-colonial and Indigenous; implicit ideas about culture and social thinking that have driven understandings about the Australian outback and suburbia; environmental politics; and more. These studies will be placed in the increasingly globalised context of Australia's cultural practices, which need to be understood as inflected by the four major pillars underpinning modernisation and therefore globalisation, as posited by Anthony Giddens: administrative power; capitalism; industrialisation and military power.

Assessment: Assignments

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AUST2610
AUSTRALIAN STUDIES: INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN ART

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 2
Enrolment not permitted If AUST2004 has been successfully completed.
(Note: AUST2004 is the old topic code for Indigenous Australian Art.)

Topic Description
This topic introduces students to some of the many aspects of contemporary Aboriginal and Islander visual arts and crafts within their historical and social contexts. The effect of non-Indigenous stylistic, critical and other influences and the pressures of the market-place in the production of art-for-sale are also underlying themes that are covered in this topic. The major areas of study covered include the pre-contact origins of contemporary Aboriginal visual art; regional diversity; appropriation and copyright; change and continuity; marketing; the impact of museums and exhibitions; and the effects of the market and tourism on contemporary Aboriginal art. Opportunities exist for students to use the Flinders University Art Museum as a research resource and there are also opportunities to attend exhibitions and meet practising Aboriginal artists.

Assessment: Assignments

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AUST2611
AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGES: ISSUES AND DEBATES 1

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 2
Enrolment not permitted if AUST2000 has been successfully completed
(Note: AUST2000 is the old topic code for Australian Languages 1.)

Topic Description
The topic provides students with a basic understanding of the structural features of Australian languages, whilst recognising the diversity amongst them. It further aims to give students an accurate picture of the current languages situation in contemporary Aboriginal Australia. Language contact phenomena are explored including the influence of English on Australian languages, and of Australian languages on English, and the development of pidgins, creoles and koines. Contemporary issues and debates surrounding Australian languages are explored, and basic sociolinguistic concepts introduced as they relate to the Australian language context. The material is presented within the overall framework of the contemporary colonial context and the continuing Aboriginal struggle for social justice.

Assessment: Assignments

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AUST2612

RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGES

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 2
Enrolment not permitted if AUST2006 has been successfully completed
(Note: AUST2006 is the old topic code for Reconciliation and Indigenous Knowledges.)

Topic Description
This topic introduces students to the close study of Reconciliation in Australia and abroad, and proposes that any process of reconciliation should be underpinned by an understanding of Indigenous Knowledges. This topic is designed to allow students to read, view and experience a range of texts which deal with encounters between and within Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian communities. This subject offers an inter-disciplinary approach to the study of representation of Australian Indigenous Knowledges and cultural practices using an 'education for reconciliation' approach. It analyses contested definitions of culture and paradigms of cultural value, meaning and priority. It will introduce students to theories of representation and to their application to Indigenous materials that deal with knowledges and social and cultural practices in: literature, drama, film, music, autobiography, visual art, artifacts and material culture, song, dance, storytelling, oral history, local law, ceremony, sport.

Assessment: Assignments & Participation

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AUSTRALIAN STUDIES: ISSUES FOR AUSTRALIANS

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 1
Prerequisites
  1 AUST1001 -
  1a AUST1001A -
  Must Satisfy: ((1 or 1a))

Enrolment not permitted If AUST3998 has been successfully completed
(Note: AUST3998 is the old topic code for Issues for Australians.)

Topic Description
This topic, which is the capstone topic in the Australian Studies major, considers issues of importance in contemporary Australian life. The precise content is determined annually by current events as well as by the input of students. It is the aim of the topic to evaluate issues in the context of the major public debates that surround them and to analyse these debates using a range of theoretical approaches. To this extent an 'issues-based' approach is taken. Questions relating to how issues are framed and the social institutions within which such framing occurs form the background for critical examination. Issues to be examined may relate to broad areas including: human and animal rights; industrial issues for Australian workers and carers; anti-terrorist laws and security issues relating to Australia; family violence and sexual violence; the globalisation of the media; justice and the prison system; the global financial crisis and how it affects Australians; sexuality; immigration; and others to be determined by the student body. There are a number of guest speakers representing a range of political views, with whom students are given the opportunity to interact and debate.

Assessment: Written Assignments, Oral Presentation & Participation

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AUST3611

AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGES: ISSUES AND DEBATES 2

Units: 4.5 units
Semester: 1
Prerequisite: 1 AUST2000 -
1a AUST2611 -
Must Satisfy: ((1 or 1a))
Enrolment not permitted If AUST3000 has been successfully completed
(Note: AUST3000 is the old topic code for Australian Languages 2.)

Topic Description
This topic aims to extend the understanding of students who already have a basic understanding of the diversity of Australian languages and the major issues and debates arising from them within the context of contemporary colonialism. Issues to be canvassed include that of gender and Australian languages, Australian languages within the context of the legal system of the dominant culture, and contemporary policies and language planning regarding Australian languages. The material will be presented within the overall framework of the contemporary colonial context and the Aboriginal struggle for justice.

Assessment: Assignments

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*Note: Alice is on leave Semester 1, 2013. Ms Laura Deane will be taking her classes and will be available in the above office.*