



Aims

Australian Studies aims to provide students with a socio-cultural analysis of a changing nation and its people. This program of study brings together a wide range of topics from the humanities, education and social sciences to give students a broad perspective of Australian culture and society and the opportunity to investigate aspects of both in considerable detail. To this end, students are taught through methodologies that emphasise student directed learning and independent thinking, lecture listening, note taking and interactive tutorial style classes that allow the development of English literacy, grammar, speech and specific academic conventions such as referencing.

Learning outcomes

After successfully completing this subject students should be able to:

- > Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of contemporary issues and debates in Australian Studies
- > Demonstrate a critical understanding of the ways identities are formed and represented within Australia, and apply multi-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary understandings of Australian and Aboriginal culture and society
- > Have developed the critical and cross-disciplinary skills required to apply their learning in everyday social, educational and professional settings
- > Communicate effectively in a range of mediums
- > Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political concepts, ideas, and practices, including participation, power, and government across a variety of different national and international contexts.

Prerequisites and assumed knowledge

There are no prerequisites or assumed knowledge for this subject.

Subject content

Week	Topic and assessment schedule
1	Orientation week
2 – 5	Aboriginal art, culture and history
6 – 7	Contact, resistance and frontier violence
8 – 10	Stolen Generations
Break	
11 – 16	Immigration and Gold Rushes
17 – 18	Revision
19	Exam Week
20	Exam review
Break	
21	Democracy
22 – 25	Australian Politics
26 – 30	Human Rights
Break	
31 – 35	Research project
36	Revision. SWOTVAC
37 – 38	Exams
39	Graduation and transcript collection
40	End of course



Assessment

General weightings for each assessment item are outlined below

Assessment item	Weighting	Due dates
Museum Report	2%	Week 5
Art Essay	4%	Week 8
Debate	5%	Week 10
Test 1	5%	Week 14
Migration Essay	5%	Week 16
Midyear examination	9%	As per College examination timetable
Test 2	5%	Week 25
Parliamentary Bills	5%	Week 26
Human Rights Essay	5%	Week 30
Research Project	15%	Week 35
Class participation	20%	Continuous
Final examination	20%	As per College examination timetable