



Australian Studies

Foundation Studies Program

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 media.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political concepts, ideas, and practices, including participation, power, and government across a variety of different national and international contexts.

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
11 - 15	Immigration to Australia
16 - 18	Gold Rushes and White Australia Policy
19	Exam week (no exams for this subject)
20	Revision assignment
21	Democracy
22 - 25	Australian politics
26 - 30	Human rights
31 - 35	Research project design
36 - 38	Research project
39 - 40	Exam week/Graduation

Prerequisites and assumed knowledge

There are no prerequisites or assumed knowledge for this subject.

Assessment

General weightings for each assessment item are outlined below.

ASSESSMENT ITEM	WEIGHTING
Museum report	3%
Art essay	5%
Presentation (oral 1)	5%
Poster	5%
Migration assignment and essay	10%
Semester 1 revision assignment	10%
Presentation (oral 2)	7%
Politics essay	15%
Research project presentation (oral 3)	5%
Research project report	15%
Class participation	20%

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