

# HUMN 1013 CONTEXTUALISING INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA (DAY MODE)

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101751

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**Description** This subject will provide a comprehensive overview of Indigenous Australian cultures, histories and identities. The scope of the subject spans pre-colonisation to the twenty-first century across Australia and all relevant fields of study. A cross-section of institutional, community and popular culture contexts will be explored through flipped mode of delivery supported by face to face tutorials. This body of knowledge will provide a context for various professions and discussions. Students will have the exciting opportunity to hear from a diverse range of Indigenous educators from academics to artists through to performers and community elders. A broad understanding of Indigenous Australia will position students to be advocates for change in contemporary Australia.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Indigenous Studies

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LGYA 6068 - Indigenous Australia Back to the Future

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. discuss Indigenous Australian cultures, histories and identities from pre-colonisation through to the twenty-first century;
2. explain the diversity that exists within and between Indigenous Australians;
3. identify and reflect on their own life stories to make meaning of the relationship between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians;
4. use effective research skills to investigate Indigenous Australian cultures, histories and identities;
5. perceive that a National identity includes Indigenous Australians;
6. appraise own understanding of new knowledge related to Indigenous Australia.

## Subject Content

Defining Indigenous Australia  
Diversity within and between Indigenous Australians  
Kinship, ?ecountry?f and social organization  
Value orientations and ?eTjukurrpa?f (Dreaming)  
Indigenous Languages  
Indigenous Knowledge  
Indigenous Economics  
Indigenous Created Expressions

Significant historical themes / events e.g. protection / assimilation / integration / self-determination / reconciliation, Stolen Generation  
Indigenous social indicators e.g. health, housing, education  
Politics of Land / Land Rights / Native Title  
Politics of Identity and Representation  
Indigenous peoples' contribution to Australian society

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	1,000 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Multiple Choice	1 hour	15	N	Individual	Y
Reflection	1,500 words	45	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

## Autumn (2025)

### Bankstown City

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### Melbourne

#### On-site

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### Online

#### Online

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## Spring (2025)

### Bankstown City

#### On-site

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### Online

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## **Parramatta - Victoria Rd**

### **On-site**

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## **Sydney City Campus - Term 3 (2025)**

### **Sydney City**

#### **On-site**

**Subject Contact** Ming Diao ([https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Ming Diao/](https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Ming%20Diao/))

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