

# HUMN 1060 INTRODUCTION TO INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA: PEOPLES, PLACES AND PHILOSOPHIES

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102815

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**Description** This subject introduces students to the rich diversity: past, present and future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia with emphasis placed on the importance of identity, diversity, representation and resilience. You will engage directly with Indigenous sources and learn to critically analyse content from Indigenous Standpoints. Presenting as a challenging and thought-provoking experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, places and philosophies, this subject provides a solid theoretical foundation of Indigenous perspectives for the knowledges and professional practices in your chosen field.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Indigenous Studies

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

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** CULT 1020 - Working with Communities CULT 1021 - Working with Communities (WSTC) CULT1027 - Working with Communities (UG Cert) HUMN 1062 - Introduction to Indigenous Australia Peoples Places and Philosophies (WSTC)

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Outline the history of Indigenous Australia since British colonisation.
2. Discuss the social, cultural and political situations and circumstances that challenge contemporary Indigenous Australia.
3. Explain societal misconceptions, ideas, attitudes and assumptions about Indigenous Australia.
4. Discuss the importance of core concepts including identity, diversity, representation and resilience.
5. Adopt a socially and culturally responsive personal and professional approach to Indigenous Australia.

## Subject Content

Indigenous Research Matters: Reading, writing and terminology  
Indigenous Worlds: Where do you stand?

An historical timeline: tracing major events from pre-colonisation to today

Contemporary Indigenous Identities

Indigenous Land and Country

Indigenous spaces and places

Indigenous people and the arts: representation and narrative

Interrogating ?eClosing the gap?f and other policies in relation to Indigenous social determinants  
Indigenous people and intersectionality  
Racism and Privilege  
Working in Indigenous contexts  
Why Indigenous Social Sciences Matters  
Indigenous Worlds, Land, Country and Kinship  
Race and Settler Colonialism  
Contemporary Indigenous Identities and Intersectionality  
Interrogating Close the Gap and other policies in relation to Indigenous Peoples  
Indigenous Incarceration and Social Activism

## 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 |
|------------|-------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Quiz       | 30 minutes  | 10      | N         | Individual             | N         |
| Case Study | 1,200 words | 40      | N         | Individual             | N         |
| Essay      | 1,500 words | 50      | N         | Individual             | N         |

Teaching Periods

## WSU Online TRI-2 (2025)

### Wsu Online

#### Online

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## Spring (2025)

### Penrith (Kingswood)

#### On-site

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## Liverpool

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## **Parramatta - Victoria Rd**

### **On-site**

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

### **Sydney City**

#### **On-site**

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## **Summer (2025)**

### **Parramatta - Victoria Rd**

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