

HUMN 1073 UNDERSTANDING CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIA (WSTC)

Credit Points 10

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Description Contemporary Australian society is dynamic and diverse, influenced by an increasingly interconnected world where international trade, foreign policy, digital communication and flows of migrants and cultures across borders appear to undermine the importance of national communities and identities. Despite this, everyday life is still profoundly influenced by the decisions which national governments make and the powers they exercise. This subject explores Australia's history, peoples, liberal democratic tradition and contemporary challenges and issues we face as members of the national and global community. You will identify and explore established narratives, connect past developments with present issues and examine specific events within the broader context of world history. You will also develop the skills to further understand broader influences on contemporary Australia and your personal lived experiences.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Studies in Human Society, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Equivalent Subjects HUMN 1052

HUMN 1055

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in an existing College Diploma program listed below:

- 7188 Diploma in Culture, Society and Justice
- 7189 Diploma in Health Science
- 7190 Diploma in Business
- 7191 Diploma in Information and Communication Technologies
- 7192 Diploma in Building Design and Construction
- 7193 Diploma in Engineering Studies
- 7194 Diploma in Creative Industries and Communications
- 7195 Diploma in Arts
- 7196 Diploma in Science
- 7197 Diploma in Education Studies

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of Australia's liberal democratic traditions
2. Participate in contemporary public debates around contemporary key issues such as international relations, political participation, social movements, media, Australian culture

3. Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively using a variety of methods
4. Demonstrate understanding of the historical and contemporary impacts of colonisation on Indigenous Peoples
5. Demonstrate an ability to make connections between various types of sources

Subject Content

- An Indigenous Timeline: Tracing Major Events from Pre-Colonisation to Today
- Indigenous perspectives
- Political and government systems
- Political ideologies
- Activism and social change
- Women in politics/society
- Australia and nation building
- Australia and migration
- Communal rights in Australian democracy
- Inclusivity and representation in Australian media

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
Short Answer	300 words	15	N	Individual	N
Proposal	800 words	25	N	Individual	N
Case Study	1000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Presentation	3 mins per student	25	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Autumn Block 4 (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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Nirimba Education Precinct

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Spring Block 4 (2025)

Bankstown City

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