

# HUMN 0006 AUSTRALIAN STUDIES (WSTC PREP)

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 700213

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**Description** Australian Studies aims to inform students of some of the aspects of the historical development of Australia and highlight some of the important physical, social, political and economic issues and events which have helped shape the development of Australia as an independent, modern nation. The study of issues, events, attitudes and values in the Australian context along with the development of academic skills will assist students in their study of Humanities units at the tertiary level. In addition, all students, especially international students, should acquire a better appreciation of the environment in which they live and learn to think more critically about issues facing people in the 21st century.

**School** Western Sydney The College

**Discipline** Studies In Human Society

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

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

**Equivalent Subjects** HUMN 0007 - Australian Studies (UWSC)

**Incompatible Subjects** HUMN 0005 - Australian Studies (UWSC) HUMN 0004 - Australian Contemporary Studies (UWSC)

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at Western Sydney University, The College.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate an understanding of key events, processes and debates in the history of Australia.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between primary and secondary sources and a basic ability to interpret both.
3. Evaluate competing interpretations of central debates in contemporary Australia, including (but not limited to) those surrounding the issues of human rights, multiculturalism, religion, social welfare.
4. Present ideas effectively in written, oral and digital form.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of some of the distinguishing geographical, social and political features of contemporary Australian society.

## Subject Content

1. Introduction to Australian geography and demography
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander civilisation and connections to Asia
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and European visitors
4. Colonial Australia: Australian Britons and Aboriginal dispossession
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## 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	1 hour	20	N	Individual	N
Essay	1000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Applied Project	10 minutes	40	N	Individual	N