

HUMN 2028 IDENTITY AND BELONGING

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101612

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Description Identity and belonging are foundational concepts in sociology. This subject commences with an overview of the ways in which these concepts are understood in the social sciences and how these understandings have been impacted more recently by processes of globalisation. Through engagement with films, documentaries and academic texts the subject explores different modes and sites of identity and belonging as they circulate on both local and global scales. Specifically, we will examine topics like gender and sexuality, home and neighbourhood, the nation state and nationality, social class, consumption, work and leisure, ethnicity, youth cultures and new media. The subject equips students with the concepts and theories necessary for an understanding of social continuity and social change and encourages them to reflect on their own identities and social and cultural positionings.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Sociology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe sociological theories and concepts relevant to identity, belonging and globalisation.
2. Critically reflect on issues of identity and belonging as they emerge in film, documentaries and popular culture.
3. Explain how identities and experiences of belonging have changed, and are changing, over time.
4. Explain the interrelationship between identity and belonging.
5. Analyse the significance of issues of identity and belonging for minority groups.

Subject Content

Identity and belonging

Genders and sexualities

Neighbourhood and home

Ethnicity and race

Nation-states and nationalism

New media and global communities

Consumption and social class

Globalisation and cosmopolitanism

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
Portfolio	4x 250 words each	30	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Report	1,000 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Huppertz, K., Hawkins, M., & Matthews, A. (2016). Identity and belonging. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Liverpool

On-site

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Sydney City Campus - Term 2 (2025)

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Sydney City Campus - Term 3 (2025)

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Summer (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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