

HUMN 3087 TWENTIETH CENTURY AUSTRALIA

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101999

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Description This survey subject provides an overview of major events in Australian political, cultural and social history of the twentieth century. The subject will examine key events such as World Wars and the Great Depression, but will also discuss broader changes that affected Australians, black and white, male and female, rich and poor. In doing so, it will examine some of the ideas and political movements that dominated twentieth century Australia, including class politics, feminism, imperial loyalty, indigenous politics, nationalism, racism and sectarianism.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline History

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 3 subject

Equivalent Subjects HUMN 3014 - Australian History since 1860 - 1920
HUMN 3016 - Australian History since 1920

Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Explain the chronology of events in twentieth century Australia.
2. Analyse the causal factors underlying events and social movements in twentieth century Australia.
3. Identify and analyse significant trends and themes in twentieth-century Australian history.
4. Implement a variety of skills and approaches to historical interpretation
5. Evaluate sources to employ historical analysis and argument.

Subject Content

Unit content may vary according to teaching staff available, and may include the following:

- Federation: inclusion and exclusion.
- Australia and The first World War.
- Australia in the 1920s.
- The Great Depression and the 1930s.
- Australia and The second World War.
- The Petrov Affair.
- post-War rumblings: Feminism, race and assimilation.
- Social protest in the 1960s.
- The Whitlam years and their impact on Australian society.
- The final decades: globalisation, indigenous politics and prosperity.

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	Mandatory Task
Essay	2,000 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Portfolio	500 words	10	N	Individual	N
Portfolio	500 words	10	N	Individual	N
Portfolio	500 words	10	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	2 hours	30	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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Penrith (Kingswood)

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