

# Australian Indigenous Studies

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<b>Overview:</b>	Australian Indigenous Studies is a value-driven program guided by the principles of interdisciplinarity, intellectual exchange, and social relevance. Australian Indigenous Studies offers students perspectives on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture. Subjects offered reflect the rich diversity of the field. Themes include contemporary Indigenous cultural production, key thinkers and concepts, Settler and Indigenous environmental ethics, Aboriginal women and coloniality, and issues relating to land, law and philosophy.
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>Students who complete this major will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># understand the complexity and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures;</li> <li># develop a detailed knowledge and critical understanding of how discourses and representations of Aboriginality function in contemporary Australian society, as well as the historical, social and cultural contexts that produce them;</li> <li># develop a deep and nuanced intellectual positioning, from which to critically engage with complex and changing social and political issues in Australian society;</li> <li># apply an independent approach to knowledge that uses rigorous methods of inquiry and appropriate methodologies that are applied with intellectual honesty, self-awareness, and ethical integrity;</li> <li># appreciate the value of an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Indigenous studies;</li> <li># communicate effectively, from their own informed intellectual positioning, in a variety of oral and written formats;</li> <li># act as informed and critically discerning participants, with a respect for ethical values, within the scholarly community, in the workforce and as citizens.</li> </ul>
<b>Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>Australian Indigenous Studies is available as both a major and minor sequence of study in the Bachelor of Arts.</p> <p><b>Major</b></p> <p>A major in Australian Indigenous Studies comprises eight 12.5-point subjects, totalling 100 points:</p> <p><i>Level 1 (25 points)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># MULT10001 Aboriginalities (counted towards <b>Arts Foundation Subject (<a href="http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/current/%21B-ARTS-SPC%2B1001">../view/current/%21B-ARTS-SPC%2B1001</a>)</b>)</li> <li># Any level 1 discipline-based arts subject</li> </ul> <p><i>Level 2 (37.5 points)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Students at second year may take a combination of recommended and optional Australian Indigenous Studies subjects to total 37.5 points (3 subjects).</li> </ul> <p><i>Level 3 (37.5 points)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Compulsory capstone subject Critical Debates in Indigenous Studies (12.5 points)</li> <li># The remaining 25 points must be selected from the list of level 3 recommended or optional Australian Indigenous Studies subjects (2 subjects)</li> </ul> <p>Total 100 points</p> <p><b>Minor</b></p> <p>A minor in Australian Indigenous Studies comprises six 12.5-point subjects, totalling 75 points:</p>

**Level 1 (25 points)**

- # MULT10001 Aboriginalities (counted towards **Arts Foundation Subject (../view/current/%21B-ARTS-SPC%2B1001)** )
- # Any level 1 discipline-based arts subject

**Level 2/3 (50 points)**

- # 25 points from the list of recommended subjects (2 subjects)
- # The remaining 25 points may be selected from the list of level 3 recommended or optional Australian Indigenous Studies subjects (2 subjects).

Total 75 points

**Subject Options:**

Australian Indigenous Studies

**Level 1 subject:**

Students completing a major or minor must undertake the following subject and any level 1 discipline-based Arts subject.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
MULT10001 Aboriginalities	Semester 2	12.50

**Level 2 recommended subjects**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
AIND20007 Key Thinkers and Concepts	Semester 1	12.50
AIND20008 Aboriginal Women and Coloniality	Semester 1	12.50
AIND20009 Racial Literacy: Indigeneity & Whiteness	Semester 1	12.50
AIND20005 Aboriginal Land, Law and Philosophy	Semester 2	12.50
AIND20010 Australian Environmental Philosophy	Semester 2	12.50

**Level 3 recommended subjects**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
AIND30008 Historicising the Colonial Mythscape	Semester 1	12.50
AIND30010 Aboriginal Cultural Studies	Semester 1	12.50
AIND30011 Aboriginal Writing	Semester 2	12.50

**Level 2 and 3 optional subjects**

Students can only take a maximum of 2 optional subjects (25 points) if completing a major or minor.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LING20009 Language in Aboriginal Australia	Semester 1	12.50
AHIS30005 Contemporary Aboriginal Art	Semester 1	12.50

**Level 3 Capstone subject**

This level three capstone is compulsory for students completing a major in Australian Indigenous Studies.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
AIND30007 Critical Debates in Indigenous Studies	Semester 2	12.50

<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.culture-communication.unimelb.edu.au/study/indigenous-studies">http://www.culture-communication.unimelb.edu.au/study/indigenous-studies</a>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Bachelor of Arts