



INTERNATIONAL STUDY

The University of Queensland offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies for credit to any student eligible to enter the University.

A full program is available, but many international students come to Australia for only one or two semesters and focus on four (one semester) or eight (two semesters) of the 13 courses taught by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit. Run by Indigenous Australians, much of the Unit's teaching is undertaken by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, who provide diverse Indigenous perspectives on the issues they cover.



INDIGENOUS STUDIES PROGRAM

The course content is interdisciplinary and is designed to accommodate the requirements of a broad range of students, especially those with backgrounds in the arts, humanities, and the social sciences. The Unit's courses examine Indigenous Australian worldviews and approaches to knowledge, music and dance, Aboriginal women, politics, Torres Strait Islander studies and issues in research with Indigenous people. Two independent project courses allow students to pursue topics of special interest in more detail. Courses offered by the Unit include:



SEMESTER ONE FEBRUARY TO MAY

ABTS1000 – ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PERSPECTIVES

Survey of major themes in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies from an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander perspective. Thorough introduction to various government departments and agencies involved in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander affairs.

ABTS2010 – ABORIGINAL WOMEN

The course addresses historical and contemporary issues identified as relevant by Aboriginal women today.

ABTS2040 – BLACK AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE A

The course looks at the writing of Indigenous Australians and the way in which it reflects and recreates dimensions of Indigenous Australian consciousness.

ABTS2080 – INDEPENDENT PROJECT IN ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES I

Supervised independent research in an area of Indigenous Australian studies.

ABTS3000 – ABORIGINAL POLITICS & POLITICAL ISSUES

A critical examination of the underlying features of the Aboriginal political movement in contemporary Australian society.

EDUC7025 – INDIGENOUS METHODOLOGIES & RESEARCH

A critical examination of research methods in education from an Indigenous values perspective.



SEMESTER TWO JULY TO OCTOBER

ABTS2000 – TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

Detailed examination of selected topics in traditional & contemporary Torres Strait Islander society and culture from a Torres Strait Islander perspective.

ABTS2020 – ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER APPROACHES TO KNOWLEDGE

A detailed examination of selected topics in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander society.

ABTS2050 – BLACK AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE B

The study of Indigenous novelists, playwrights and storytellers. This provides a foundation for testing theoretical and ideological persuasions of Black Australian critics and creative writers.

ABTS2090 – INDEPENDENT PROJECT IN ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES II

Supervised independent research in an area of Indigenous Australian studies.

ABTS2102 – MUSIC IN HUMAN LIFE: ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

Understanding the way musical patterns are exhibited in Indigenous Australian cultural systems. Issues covered include gender, world music, change and environment.

ANTH2120 – WOMEN'S MUSIC & DANCE IN INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

Social, educational & gender roles of music/dance in Indigenous Australia; the role of women in performance practice; political, ethical and legal issues such as documentation, ownership & cultural appropriation.

ABTS3020 – WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The course examines the conceptual and practical issues that arise in working amongst Indigenous people.

SUBJECT DETAILS

A full-time study workload is four of these courses per semester. All courses have equal weighting. For detailed course outlines please consult our web page:

<http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au>

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