



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Contemporary Australia

| Subject | Cat-Nbr | Class | Term | Mode | Units | Campus |
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| HIS | 2000 | 11007 | 1, 2002 | EXT | 1.00 | TWMBA |

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| Academic Group: | FOART |
| Academic Org: | FOA003 |
| HECS Band: | 1 |
| ASCED Code: | 090305 |

STAFFING

Examiner: Libby Connors
Moderator: Maurice French

PRE-REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: HIS1001 or USQ95212 or USQ95211 or AST1001 or INR1000 or INR1001

SYNOPSIS

This course will explore the social, economic, political and cultural history of Australia from World War II to the present. Its themes will be the persistence of racial beliefs and their impact on Australia's response to world affairs, Australia's new relations with Britain and the United States, prosperity and its effect on class and gender, the challenge of the social movements of the 1960s, 70s and 80s and the influence of the New Right in the 1990s. There will be further development of critical and interpretative skills through the analysis of primary sources. NOTE: Students who have already passed old unit 95501 will not be permitted to enrol in this course.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will demonstrate:

- a knowledge and understanding of developments in post-war Australian society;
- the ability to distinguish primary and secondary sources and to evaluate them critically;
- the ability to synthesize material from diverse sources and to construct an argument.
- competence in defending particular historical interpretations in both class discussion and assignment work.

TOPICS

| Description | Weighting (%) |
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| 1. Total war, gender and the return to domesticity | 0.00 |
| 2. The legacy of the depression and post-war idealism | 0.00 |
| 3. White Australia policy and post-war immigration | 0.00 |
| 4. ANZUS, the Commonwealth and British nuclear tests | 0.00 |
| 5. The Cold War and Australian political and cultural conservatism - spies, censorship and religious sectarianism | 0.00 |
| 6. Vietnam and the challenge of the social movements | 0.00 |
| 7. Whitlam and his dismissal | 0.00 |
| 8. Reassessments of the Fraser years in the light of economic rationalism | 0.00 |
| 9. Social movements and their impact on Australian society and culture | 0.00 |
| 10. Economic rationalism and the demise of the Australian Settlement | 0.00 |

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> by entering the author or title of the text.

Bolton, G. 1996 *The Oxford History of Australia: Vol 5 "The Middle Way"*, 2nd edn, Oxford University Press, Melbourne.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Lees, S. & Senyard, J 1987 *The 1950's...how Australia became a modern society, and everyone got a house and car*, Hyland, House, Melbourne.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

| ACTIVITY | HOURS |
|----------------|-------|
| Directed Study | 65 |
| Examinations | 2 |
| Private Study | 93 |

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

| Description | Marks Out of | Wtg(%) | Required | Due Date |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| RESEARCH ESSAY 2500 WORDS | 999.00 | 30.00 | Y | 04 Mar 2002 (see note 1) |
| PRIMARY SOURCE COLLECTION | 999.00 | 25.00 | Y | 04 Mar 2002 (see note 2) |
| EXAMINATION 2 HOURS | 999.00 | 45.00 | Y | END S1 (see note 3) |

NOTES:

1. Further details about the due dates are detailed in the assessment section of the Course Specifications.
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OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Students must attempt all items of assessment to pass the course. A final grade is determined on the basis of total accumulated points after all pieces of assessment have been attempted. It is assigned in accordance with faculty regulations.
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