

## Australian Indigenous studies

The University of Melbourne and the Faculty of Arts currently teach a range of subjects across many departments in the field of indigenous studies. The appointment of Professor Marcia Langton to the Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies created the opportunity to bring together this teaching and research into a coordinated interdepartmental program in Australian indigenous studies.

### The Australian Indigenous Studies Program

Students may enrol in subjects from the Australian Indigenous Studies Program provided they meet prerequisites, where applicable, or with the written permission of the subject coordinator.

Provided that it does not constitute an over-enrolment, those students who previously completed subjects towards a sequence in Australian Indigenous studies may either complete the sequence or convert it to a co-major by enrolling in additional subjects to meet the co-major requirements outlined below.

Australian Indigenous studies subjects	Sem.
<b>First year</b>	
166-120 Indigenous People and the State (p.2)	2
<b>Second/third year</b>	
100-005 Exploring Central Australia (p.2)	1 rep 2
106-045 Aboriginal Writing (p.6)	1
106-063 Aboriginal Cultural Studies (p.9)	2
107-030 Contemporary Aboriginal Art (p.3)	1
107-121 Archaeology of Australia (p.4)	1
107-122 Australian Rock Art (p.4)	2
121-017 Society and Environments (p.3)	2
121-224 Garma Fieldwork (p.5) (25 points)	2
121-225 Place and Possession (p.5)	N/A
121-226 Native Title (p.5)	2
131-051 Aboriginal & Pacific Islander Histories (p.8)	1
166-038 Indigenous Rights: Land and Heritage (p.6)	1
166-086 Qualitative Research Strategies (p.3)	2
166-230 On Country Learning: Indigenous Studies (p.7)	1
175-018 Language&Society in Aboriginal Australia (p.4)	N/A
476-202 Education 2B Indigenous Aust Studies (p.4)	1
730-394 Indigenous People and the Law 1788-2000 (p.7)	N/A
<b>Third/fourth year</b>	
121-458 Australian Quaternary Environments (p.7)	2
175-417 Structure of Aboriginal Languages (p.5)	Summer
191-427 Crime Ethnicity and Race (p.4)	2
472-402 Indigenous Australian Studies (p.6)	N/A
<b>Comparative subjects with Indigenous studies components</b>	
<b>First year</b>	
136-175 The Ecological History of Humankind (p.2)	2
166-111 Inequalities in Australian Society (p.2)	2
<b>Second/third year</b>	
100-003 Australia and America (p.2)	1 rep 2
106-003 Media and Cultural Difference (p.3)	2
107-025 Postcolonialism and the Cinema (p.2)	N/A
107-085 Australian Cinema (p.3)	N/A
121-016 Landscapes of Power (p.3)	N/A
121-017 Society and Environments (p.3)	2
131-025 Empire, Race and Human Rights: 1800-2000 (p.5)	1
131-073 Human Rights in Australian History (p.10)	N/A
131-111 Crime Law & Punishment-Colonial Victoria (p.12)	N/A
166-004 Change & Conflict in Australian Society (p.3)	2
166-021 International Relations and its Others (p.4)	2
166-081 Quantitative Social Research (p.2)	1
166-086 Qualitative Research Strategies (p.3)	2
175-020 Language & Culture (p.4)	1
<b>Fourth year/postgraduate</b>	
106-404 Memory and Contemporary Culture (p.11)	2
106-456 Colonial/Postcolonial Visual Cultures (p.15)	N/A
106-459 Postcolonial Writing and Theory (p.15)	2
107-417 Australian Cultural Heritage Management (p.6)	2
121-503 Research Methods and Design (p.8)	Summer
131-455 Gender and Colonialism: 1788-1945 (p.18)	2

### Completing an Australian indigenous studies co-major

The Faculty of Arts offers BA students the opportunity to undertake a co-major in Australian indigenous studies. The co-major must be taken in conjunction with another BA major. The structure of the co-major varies according to the combining major. There are four co-major structures: one for students undertaking a major in anthropology or geography, one for students undertaking a major in history, one for students undertaking a major in political science, and one for students undertaking a major in other areas of study in the humanities. It is not possible to complete an Indigenous studies co-major without also completing a separate major in another area.

With the approval of the relevant head of department and the Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies, a Bachelor of Arts with a co-major in Australian indigenous studies may lead to honours and ultimately higher degree study with a focus on Australian indigenous studies.

A co-major in Australian indigenous studies requires the completion of nine 12.5-point subjects totalling 112.5 points, which must be taken alongside a major in another area of study. It comprises:

- two first-year subjects (25 points)
- seven second/third-year subjects (87.5 points)

Students enrolled in some BA combined degrees (arts/engineering, arts/geomeng, arts/law, arts/social work, arts/teaching, and arts/medicine) will not be able to complete a co-major in Australian indigenous studies without over-enrolling their arts course, see *Taking extra subjects (over-enrolment) (p.8)*. BA combined degree students wishing to complete a co-major in Australian indigenous studies should choose their first-year subjects carefully to ensure that they complete the correct prerequisite subjects for both majors.

The co-major takes several forms depending on the student's other major area of study.

#### Option 1: A major in anthropology or geography as well as the following:

Australian Indigenous studies subjects	Sem.
<b>First year</b>	
One compulsory subject	
166-120 Indigenous People and the State (p.2)	2
and one of the following	
136-175 The Ecological History of Humankind (p.2)	2
166-111 Inequalities in Australian Society (p.2)	2
as well as four subjects (50 points) from the list of second/third-year core subjects with the remainder from the list of second/third-year elective subjects.	
<b>Second/third-year core subjects</b>	
100-003 Australia and America (p.2)	1 rep 2
100-005 Exploring Central Australia (p.2)	1 rep 2
106-063 Aboriginal Cultural Studies (p.9)	2
107-030 Contemporary Aboriginal Art (p.3)	1
107-121 Archaeology of Australia (p.4)	1
107-122 Australian Rock Art (p.4)	2
121-016 Landscapes of Power (p.3)	N/A
121-017 Society and Environments (p.3)	2
121-224 Garma Fieldwork (p.5) (25 points)	2
121-225 Place and Possession (p.5)	N/A
121-226 Native Title (p.5)	2
121-458 Australian Quaternary Environments (p.7)	2
131-025 Empire, Race and Human Rights: 1800-2000 (p.5)	1
131-051 Aboriginal & Pacific Islander Histories (p.8)	1
166-038 Indigenous Rights: Land and Heritage (p.6)	1
166-086 Qualitative Research Strategies (p.3)	2
166-230 On Country Learning: Indigenous Studies (p.7)	1
175-018 Language&Society in Aboriginal Australia (p.4)	N/A
191-427 Crime Ethnicity and Race (p.4)	2
730-394 Indigenous People and the Law 1788-2000 (p.7)	N/A
<b>Second/third-year elective subjects</b>	
106-003 Media and Cultural Difference (p.3)	2
106-045 Aboriginal Writing (p.6)	1
107-025 Postcolonialism and the Cinema (p.2)	N/A
107-085 Australian Cinema (p.3)	N/A
131-073 Human Rights in Australian History (p.10)	N/A
131-111 Crime Law & Punishment-Colonial Victoria (p.12)	N/A
166-004 Change & Conflict in Australian Society (p.3)	2
166-021 International Relations and its Others (p.4)	2
166-081 Quantitative Social Research (p.2)	1

<b>Australian Indigenous studies subjects</b>		Sem.
175-020	Language & Culture (p.4)	1
476-202	Education 2B Indigenous Aust Studies (p.4)	1

**Option 2: A major in history as well as the following:**

<b>Australian Indigenous studies subjects</b>		Sem.
<b>First year</b>		
One compulsory subject		
166-120	Indigenous People and the State (p.2)	2
and one of the following		
136-175	The Ecological History of Humankind (p.2)	2
166-111	Inequalities in Australian Society (p.2)	2
as well as four subjects (50 points) from the list of second/third-year core subjects with the remainder from the list of second/third-year elective subjects.		

<b>Second/third-year core subjects</b>		
100-003	Australia and America (p.2)	1 rep 2
100-005	Exploring Central Australia (p.2)	1 rep 2
106-045	Aboriginal Writing (p.6)	1
106-063	Aboriginal Cultural Studies (p.9)	2
107-030	Contemporary Aboriginal Art (p.3)	1
107-121	Archaeology of Australia (p.4)	1
107-122	Australian Rock Art (p.4)	2
121-224	Garma Fieldwork (p.5) (25 points)	2
121-225	Place and Possession (p.5)	N/A
121-226	Native Title (p.5)	2
121-458	Australian Quaternary Environments (p.7)	2
131-025	Empire, Race and Human Rights: 1800-2000 (p.5)	1
131-051	Aboriginal & Pacific Islander Histories (p.8)	1
166-038	Indigenous Rights: Land and Heritage (p.6)	1
166-086	Qualitative Research Strategies (p.3)	2
166-230	On Country Learning: Indigenous Studies (p.7)	1
175-417	Structure of Aboriginal Languages (p.5)	Summer
191-427	Crime Ethnicity and Race (p.4)	2
730-394	Indigenous People and the Law 1788-2000 (p.7)	N/A

<b>Second/third-year elective subjects</b>		
106-003	Media and Cultural Difference (p.3)	2
107-025	Postcolonialism and the Cinema (p.2)	N/A
107-085	Australian Cinema (p.3)	N/A
121-016	Landscapes of Power (p.3)	N/A
121-017	Society and Environments (p.3)	2
131-073	Human Rights in Australian History (p.10)	N/A
131-111	Crime Law & Punishment-Colonial Victoria (p.12)	N/A
166-004	Change & Conflict in Australian Society (p.3)	2
166-021	International Relations and its Others (p.4)	2
166-081	Quantitative Social Research (p.2)	1
175-018	Language&Society in Aboriginal Australia (p.4)	N/A
175-020	Language & Culture (p.4)	1
476-202	Education 2B Indigenous Aust Studies (p.4)	1

**Option 3: A major in political science as well as the following:**

<b>Australian Indigenous studies subjects</b>		Sem.
<b>First year</b>		
One compulsory subject		
166-120	Indigenous People and the State (p.2)	2
and one of the following		
136-175	The Ecological History of Humankind (p.2)	2
166-111	Inequalities in Australian Society (p.2)	2
as well as four subjects (50 points) from the list of second/third-year core subjects with the remainder from the list of second/third-year elective subjects.		
<b>Second/third-year core subjects</b>		
100-003	Australia and America (p.2)	1 rep 2
106-003	Media and Cultural Difference (p.3)	2
121-225	Place and Possession (p.5)	N/A
121-226	Native Title (p.5)	2
121-458	Australian Quaternary Environments (p.7)	2
131-025	Empire, Race and Human Rights: 1800-2000 (p.5)	1
131-051	Aboriginal & Pacific Islander Histories (p.8)	1
131-111	Crime Law & Punishment-Colonial Victoria (p.12)	N/A
166-004	Change & Conflict in Australian Society (p.3)	2
166-021	International Relations and its Others (p.4)	2
166-038	Indigenous Rights: Land and Heritage (p.6)	1

<b>Australian Indigenous studies subjects</b>		Sem.
166-086	Qualitative Research Strategies (p.3)	2
166-230	On Country Learning: Indigenous Studies (p.7)	1
191-427	Crime Ethnicity and Race (p.4)	2
730-394	Indigenous People and the Law 1788-2000 (p.7)	N/A

<b>Second/third-year elective subjects</b>		
100-005	Exploring Central Australia (p.2)	1 rep 2
106-045	Aboriginal Writing (p.6)	1
106-063	Aboriginal Cultural Studies (p.9)	2
107-025	Postcolonialism and the Cinema (p.2)	N/A
107-030	Contemporary Aboriginal Art (p.3)	1
107-085	Australian Cinema (p.3)	N/A
107-121	Archaeology of Australia (p.4)	1
107-122	Australian Rock Art (p.4)	2
121-016	Landscapes of Power (p.3)	N/A
121-017	Society and Environments (p.3)	2
121-224	Garma Fieldwork (p.5) (25 points)	2
131-073	Human Rights in Australian History (p.10)	N/A
166-004	Change & Conflict in Australian Society (p.3)	2
166-081	Quantitative Social Research (p.2)	1
175-018	Language&Society in Aboriginal Australia (p.4)	N/A
175-020	Language & Culture (p.4)	1
476-202	Education 2B Indigenous Aust Studies (p.4)	1

**Option 4: A major in an area of the humanities other than anthropology, geography, history or political science as well as the following:**

<b>Australian Indigenous studies subjects</b>		Sem.
<b>First year</b>		
One compulsory subject		
166-120	Indigenous People and the State (p.2)	2
and one of the following		
136-175	The Ecological History of Humankind (p.2)	2
166-111	Inequalities in Australian Society (p.2)	2
as well as four subjects (50 points) from the list of second/third-year core subjects with the remainder from the list of second/third-year elective subjects.		

<b>Second/third-year core subjects</b>		
100-003	Australia and America (p.2)	1 rep 2
100-005	Exploring Central Australia (p.2)	1 rep 2
106-003	Media and Cultural Difference (p.3)	2
106-045	Aboriginal Writing (p.6)	1
106-063	Aboriginal Cultural Studies (p.9)	2
107-025	Postcolonialism and the Cinema (p.2)	N/A
107-030	Contemporary Aboriginal Art (p.3)	1
107-085	Australian Cinema (p.3)	N/A
107-121	Archaeology of Australia (p.4)	1
107-122	Australian Rock Art (p.4)	2
121-458	Australian Quaternary Environments (p.7)	2
131-025	Empire, Race and Human Rights: 1800-2000 (p.5)	1
131-051	Aboriginal & Pacific Islander Histories (p.8)	1
166-038	Indigenous Rights: Land and Heritage (p.6)	1
166-086	Qualitative Research Strategies (p.3)	2
166-230	On Country Learning: Indigenous Studies (p.7)	1
175-018	Language&Society in Aboriginal Australia (p.4)	N/A
191-427	Crime Ethnicity and Race (p.4)	2
730-394	Indigenous People and the Law 1788-2000 (p.7)	N/A

<b>Second/third-year elective subjects</b>		
121-016	Landscapes of Power (p.3)	N/A
121-017	Society and Environments (p.3)	2
121-224	Garma Fieldwork (p.5) (25 points)	2
121-225	Place and Possession (p.5)	N/A
121-226	Native Title (p.5)	2
131-073	Human Rights in Australian History (p.10)	N/A
131-111	Crime Law & Punishment-Colonial Victoria (p.12)	N/A
166-004	Change & Conflict in Australian Society (p.3)	2
166-021	International Relations and its Others (p.4)	2
166-086	Qualitative Research Strategies (p.3)	2
175-020	Language & Culture (p.4)	1
476-202	Education 2B Indigenous Aust Studies (p.4)	1

## For more information

Prospective students are advised to consult with the Australian Indigenous Studies Program Office, housed in the School of Anthropology, Geography and Environmental Studies (SAGES):

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