Course Description

The Preliminary course focuses on Aboriginal peoples’ relationship to the Land, Aboriginal heritage and identity, and an historical examination of colonialism, racism and prejudice from pre-contact times to the 1960s. The course also includes the development of skills in culturally appropriate research and inquiry methods. It involves case studies.

The HSC course provides for in depth study of legislation, policy, judicial processes and current events from the 1960s. During the course, students will undertake consultation with Aboriginal communities and will study the course through the experiences of national and international Indigenous communities. Students apply research and inquiry methods through the completion of a major project.

Main Topics Covered

Preliminary

• Part I: Aboriginality and the Land (20%)
• Part II: Heritage and Identity (30%)
• Part III: International Indigenous Community: Comparative Study (25%)
• Part IV: Research and Inquiry Methods: Local Community Case Study (25%)

HSC Course

• Part I - Social Justice and Human Rights Issues (50%)
• Part II – Case Study of an Aboriginal community for each topic (20%)
• Part III – Research and Inquiry Methods – Major Project (30%)

Particular Course Requirements

In both courses, students must undertake mandatory case studies. The project log will document all work completed, including the sequential development of the project and the nature and timing of community- based fieldwork.

Faculty: HSIE

BOS Course No: 15000

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course.

Exclusions: Nil