School of Medicine

MEDI843: Comparative Indigenous Health Issues

Subject Outline
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Distance
Wollongong

Subject Information
Credit Points: 6
Pre-requisite(s): Nil
Co-requisite(s): Nil
Restrictions: Nil
Contact Hours: N/A

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Student Consultation and Communication
University staff receive many emails each day. In order to enable them to respond to your emails appropriately and in a timely fashion, students are asked to observe basic requirements of professional communication:

Please ensure that you include your full name and student number and identify your practical class or tutorial group in your email so that staff know who they are communicating with and can follow-up personally where appropriate.

Consider what the communication is about
- Is your question addressed elsewhere (e.g. in the subject outline or, on the eLearning site)?
- Is it something that is better discussed in person or by telephone? This may be the case if your query requires a lengthy response or a dialogue in order to address. If so, see consultation times above and/or schedule an appointment.
- Are you addressing your request to the most appropriate person?

Specific email subject title to enable easy identification of issue
- Identify the subject code of the subject you are enquiring about (as staff may be involved in more than one subject) put this in the email subject heading. Add a brief, specific query reference after the subject code where appropriate.

Professional courtesy
- Address the staff member appropriately by name (and formal title if you do not yet know them).
- Use full words (avoid ‘text-speak’ abbreviations), correct grammar and correct spelling.
- Be respectful and courteous.
- Allow 3 – 4 working days for a response before following up. If the matter is legitimately urgent, you may wish to try telephoning the staff member (and leaving a voicemail message if necessary) or inquiring at the School Office.
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Section A: General Information

Subject Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. critically examine discourse on Indigenous health issues and the associated literature;
2. demonstrate an understanding of Indigenous definitions and articulation of the issues concerned with health and health care;
3. identify and critically analyse political, social, economic, historical and cultural factors that have impacted on and continue to impact on the health of Indigenous Australians and the development of effective strategies;
4. critically analyse the complex factors related to the past present and future use of traditional healers and medicines and the adaptation of primary health care by Indigenous Australians;
5. compare specific health issues with those of First Nations people across the world

Subject Description
The aim of this subject is to provide a comparative discourse on Indigenous health issues. The subject focuses on a historical and comparative analysis of the complex factors involved primarily in the Australian context. There is opportunity for critical interrogation of the rhetoric and practices associated with Indigenous health and with self-determination. The subject examines Indigenous definition and articulation of problems; as well as strategies for addressing the issues. There is also a comparison of specific health issues with those of First Nations peoples across the world.

Graduate Qualities
The University of Wollongong has developed five graduate qualities (http://www.uow.edu.au/student/qualities/index.html), which it considers express valuable qualities that are essential for UOW graduates in gaining employment and making an important contribution to society and their chosen field. Student development of the following graduate qualities will be enhanced by their participation in this subject:

1. **Informed**: Have a sound knowledge of an area of study or profession and understand its current issues, locally and internationally. Know how to apply this knowledge. Understand how an area of study has developed and how it relates to other areas.
2. **Independent learners**: Engage with new ideas and ways of thinking and critically analyse issues. Seek to extend knowledge through ongoing research, enquiry and reflection. Find and evaluate information, using a variety of sources and technologies. Acknowledge the work and ideas of others.
3. **Problem solvers**: Take on challenges and opportunities. Apply creative, logical and critical thinking skills to respond effectively. Make and implement decisions. Be flexible, thorough, innovative and aim for high standards.
4. **Effective communicators**: Articulate ideas and convey them effectively using a range of media. Work collaboratively and engage with people in different settings. Recognise how culture can shape communication.
5. **Responsible**: Understand how decisions can affect others and make ethically informed choices. Appreciate and respect diversity. Act with integrity as part of local, national, global and professional communities.

eLearning Space
This subject has materials and activities available via eLearning. To access eLearning you must have a UOW user account name and password, and be enrolled in the subject. eLearning is accessed via SOLS (student online services). Log on to SOLS and then click on the eLearning link in the menu column. For information regarding the eLearning spaces please use the following link: http://uowblogs.com/moodlelab/files/2013/05/Moodle_StudentGuide-1petpo7.pdf
Lecture, Tutorial, Laboratory Times
N/A

Readings, References and Materials

Textbooks
The following text(s) will need to be purchased by students enrolled in this class.


Prescribed Readings (includes eReadings)
See Moodle site for eReadings.

Materials
Nil

Recommended Readings
Nil

Recent Changes to this Subject
Nil

Timetable of Topics

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*The above timetable should be used as a guide only, as it is subject to change. Students will be advised of any changes as they become known.*
Section B: Assessment

Assessment Summary

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<td>Assessment 2</td>
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<td>Friday 13/05/16 (week 10)</td>
<td>Within 21 days of due date</td>
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Total Marks 100%

Details of Assessment Tasks

Assessment tasks will be marked using explicit criteria that will be provided to students prior to submission.

Assessment 1

Due date Friday 8/04/16 (Week 6)

Weighting 40%

Submission

Submit a hardcopy via Post to subject coordinator (Refer to the submission of assessments section for information regarding postal submission) AND Submit an electronic copy of your assessment via upload to eLearning

Type of Collaboration 1,500 Words

Length Individual Assessment

Details

Through a literature review on one of the topics within the subject present a discussion that demonstrates an understanding of the topic and its impact on the delivery of health services for Indigenous Australians.

Or

- Negotiate a (relevant) topic of your own choice with the subject coordinator.

Attach the Assignment Cover Sheet to the Front of the Assignment. Attach the Marking Guide after the Reference List.

Style and format Essay

Subject Learning Outcomes 1-5

Marking Criteria The marking criteria will be made available on your eLearning site by week 1 of session.

Assessment 2

Due date Friday 13/05/16 (week 10)

Weighting 60%

Submission

Submit a hardcopy via Post to subject coordinator (Refer to the submission of assessments section for information regarding postal submission) AND Submit an electronic copy of your assessment via upload to eLearning

Type of Collaboration Individual Assessment

Length 2,000 words

Details

Select one (1) of the following essay questions:

1. In the Australian context, how might differences in Indigenous and non-Indigenous worldviews affect concepts of health and treatment of illness? OR

2. Describe the key elements in the process of colonisation, which have
had adverse effects on the health of Indigenous societies. Refer to Australia and one or two other countries.

OR

3. Briefly outline the main health policy approaches taken by State and Federal governments to Indigenous people. Select two or three of these policy approaches and list some possible consequences for health.

OR

4. Choose one contemporary Indigenous health issue and critically analyse the key elements and factors, which contribute to and impact on it. Compare this with one other indigenous population from either North America or New Zealand.

OR

5. Describe and comment on the adaptation of primary health care in the Indigenous community health context in Australia.

NB. Feel free to choose or adapt any topic for the essay. This can be negotiated with the subject lecturer and has to fit in with the content of the subject.

It is expected that your essay topic will be different to those chosen for the first assessment task.

It is also expected that each assignment will have an Indigenous health focus or context even if this is not specifically stated in the assignment question.

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**Minimum Requirements for a Pass in this Subject**

To receive a clear pass in this subject a total mark of 50% or more must be achieved. In addition, failure to meet any of the minimum performance requirements is grounds for awarding a Technical Fail (TF) in the subject, even where total marks accumulated are greater than 50%.

The minimum performance requirements for this subject are:

- attempt all assessment tasks

**Minimum Student Attendance and Participation**

It is expected that students will allocate 12 hours per week to this subject, including any required class attendance, completion of prescribed readings and assessment tasks.

Student attendance for online tutorials is compulsory. Absences will require the submission of an application for Academic Consideration via SOLS and the presentation of suitable documentation, for example a Medical Certificate, to Student Central as soon as practical. For further details about applying for academic consideration visit the Student Central webpage: [http://www.uow.edu.au/student/central/academicconsideration/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/student/central/academicconsideration/index.html)

**Scaling**

Scaling will not occur in this subject.
Late Submission

Late submission of an assessment task without an approved extension of the deadline is not acceptable. If you are unable to submit an assessment due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. medical grounds or compassionate grounds), you can make an application for academic consideration. Not all circumstances qualify for academic consideration. For further details about applying for academic consideration visit the Student Central webpage: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/central/academicconsideration/index.html

Late Submission Penalty

Marks will be deducted for late submission at the rate of 5% of the total possible marks for that particular assessment task per day. This means that if a piece of work is marked out of 100, then the late penalty will be 5 marks per day (5% of 100 possible marks per day). The formula for calculating the late penalty is: the total possible marks x 0.05 x number of days late. For the purposes of this policy a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) will be regarded as two days.

For example:

- Student A submits an assessment which is marked out of 100. The assessment is submitted 7 days late. This means that a late penalty of 35 marks will apply (100 x 0.05 x 7). The assessment is marked as per normal out of 100 and is given a mark of 85/100, and then the late penalty is applied. The result is that the student receives a final mark of 50/100 for the assessment (85 (original mark) – 35 marks (late penalty) = 50/100 (final mark)).

- Student B submits a report which is marked out of 20. The report is submitted three days late. This means that a late penalty of 3 marks will apply ((20 x 0.05 x 3). The report is marked as per normal out of 20 and is given a mark of 14/20, and then the late penalty is applied. The result is that the student receives a final mark of 14/20 for the report (17 (original mark) – 3 marks (late penalty) = 14/20 (final mark)).

No marks will be awarded for work submitted either after the assessment has been returned to the students or more than two weeks after the due date, whichever is the sooner. This does not apply to situations where a particular assessment task is undertaken by students at different times throughout the session, but where the assessment is based on experiments or case studies specific to a student. In this case no marks will be awarded for work submitted more than two weeks after the due date.

Notwithstanding this, students must complete all assessment tasks to a satisfactory standard and submit them, regardless of lateness or loss of marks, where submission is a condition of satisfactorily completing the subject.

System of Referencing Used for Written Work

The Author-Date (Harvard) referencing system should, unless otherwise specified for a particular assessment (check Details of Assessment Tasks), be utilised. A summary of the Harvard system can be accessed on the Library website at: http://public01.library.uow.edu.au/refcite/style-guides/html/

Use of Internet Sources

Students are able to use the Internet to access the most current information on relevant topics and information. Internet sources should only be used after careful critical analysis of the currency of the information, the role and standing of the sponsoring institution, reputation and credentials of the author, the clarity of the information and the extent to which the information can be supported or ratified by other authoritative sources.
Plagiarism
The full policy on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism is found in the Policy Directory on the UOW website.

“The University's Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy, Faculty Handbooks and subject guides clearly set out the University’s expectation that students submit only their own original work for assessment and avoid plagiarising the work of others or cheating. Re-using any of your own work (either in part or in full) which you have submitted previously for assessment is not permitted without appropriate acknowledgement. Plagiarism can be detected and has led to students being expelled from the University.

The use by students of any website that provides access to essays or other assessment items (sometimes marketed as ‘resources’), is extremely unwise. Students who provide an assessment item (or provide access to an assessment item) to others, either directly or indirectly (for example by uploading an assessment item to a website) are considered by the university to be intentionally or recklessly helping other students to cheat. This is considered academic misconduct and students place themselves at risk of being expelled from the University.”

Submission of Assessments
Refer to the submission requirements under the details of the individual assessments. Students should ensure that they receive a receipt acknowledging submission. Students will be required to produce this in the event that an assessment task is considered to be lost. Students are also expected to keep a copy of all their submitted assessments in the event that re-submission is required.

Assessment Return
Students will be notified when they can collect or view their marked assessment. In accordance with University Policy marked assessments will usually only be held for 21 days after the declaration of marks for that assessment.
Section C: General Advice

Students should refer to the Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health website for information on policies, learning and support services and other general advice.

University Policies

Students should be familiar with the following University policies:

a. Code of Practice – Teaching and Assessment

b. Code of Practice – Research, where relevant

c. Code of Practice – Honours, where relevant

d. Student Charter

e. Code of Practice – Student Professional Experience, where relevant

f. Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy

g. Student Academic Consideration Policy

h. Course Progress Policy

i. Graduate Qualities Policy

j. Academic Complaints Policy (Coursework and Honours Students)

k. Policy and Guidelines on Non-Discriminatory Language Practice and Presentation

l. Workplace Health and Safety, where relevant

m. Intellectual Property Policy

n. IP Student Assessment of Intellectual Property Policy, where relevant

o. Student Conduct Rules and accompanying Procedures or Research Misconduct Policy for research students

Student Support Services and Facilities

Students can access information on student support services and facilities at the following link. This includes information on “Academic Support”, “Starting at University,” “Help at University” as well as information and support on “Career’s and Jobs”. http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/index.html
Student Etiquette
Guidelines on the use of email to contact teaching staff, mobile phone use in class and information on the university guide to eLearning ‘Netiquette’ can be found at http://www.uow.edu.au/student/elearning/netiquette/index.html

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