Arcadia University
Internship Sydney Summer Program

UNIT OUTLINE

Parallel Realities
In the Workplace

Credit Points: 3

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Course Description

This course is multidisciplinary and will provide students with an introduction to contemporary Australian society. It brings together, through seminars, field trips and discussions, many of the issues relevant to the students experience whilst working in Australia. Students will consider socially responsible issues relating to business, environment, and community engagement in the workplace. Particular focus will be given to the issues effecting urban indigenous Australians, such as education and identity. Students will conclude the course with a thankyou event with their workplace supervisors.

Course Objectives

The course aims to:

- Provide a broad introduction to contemporary Australian society;
- Consider some of the socially responsible issues effecting Australian business trends;
- Develop an appreciation of contemporary issues for Indigenous peoples;
- Provide insights into best business practices in Australia;
- Increase professional awareness and capacity.

Course Requirements

The course has been designed for students at the undergraduate level, with a practical approach to contemporary business, and socio-cultural issues in Australian society.

Class hours: Approximately 35 hrs in a combination of lectures, seminars and excursions.

Independent study: 20 hours.

Suggested Readings:


Assessment Outline

Students will be required to submit written responses to each lecture, seminar and excursion, approximately 600 words in length each. This will be compiled as a workbook with a closing comparative evaluation and summation. The complete workbook will total a minimum of 3500 words (including media reports, photos, tables and related business reports).

The workbook assessment mode is 70% of available marks. Participation and a final personal response presentation make up the remaining 30% of available marks.

Due date: to be negotiated.

Workbook: students will
- Focus on their own expectations vs realities of their Australian experience
- Research the business/organisations website, and any relevant media articles
- Prepare a question prior to each seminar, lecture or discussion
- Note the core components of the discussion and summarise the response to a prepared question
- Write a description of the business/organisation/community visited (these descriptions can include information from the internet where appropriate but the internet description may not be the sole source)
- Offer a personal response.

Presentation: students should attempt to:
- compare the organisations visited and provide an analytical overview
- reflect on their own participation in the course discussions
- discuss the overall experience of the internship
- offer a personal viewpoint, perhaps in the context of the student’s own workplace

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