



# INDG1001 Country, Kinship and Continuities: An Introduction to Australian Indigenous Studies



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**Unit value:** 6 units

**Offered by:** ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

**Course subject:** Indigenous Studies

**Prerequisites:** none

**Areas of interest:** Anthropology, Australian Studies, History, Indigenous Australian Studies

This course introduces students to the diversity of First Peoples' perspectives, knowledges, experiences, and places in this Country. We examine significant events, including shared histories, drawn from across the Australian continent. We consider the philosophical frameworks of First Peoples' ways of knowing, and reflect on how these have informed, and continue to inform, First Peoples' ways of being, knowing and acting today. We explore basic precepts borne of a Country-centred way of being, including relationality and respect for autonomy. Students have an opportunity to develop insight into the significance of kinship, language, place, and their continuities. We explore examples of complex social systems, and consider contemporary relationships in Australia in the context of global developments in First Peoples' relationships, identity and shared/common experiences. The course creates a space for a learning experience that offers opportunities to develop insight into First Peoples' perspectives on colonisation in Australia.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- describe and critique historical and other disciplinary perspectives on Indigenous Peoples in Australia;
- demonstrate insight into the depth of Australia's past, First Peoples' diverse ways of being and knowing, and the continuities of these;
- demonstrate insight into key events since colonisation in Australia commenced, and the impact of these on the relations between coloniser-settlers and First Peoples;
- demonstrate understanding of key concepts, themes and perspectives that are taught in the course; and
- demonstrate understanding and skills in methodologies taught in this course, including ongoing self-reflective practice, research practices and writing.

## Further information

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