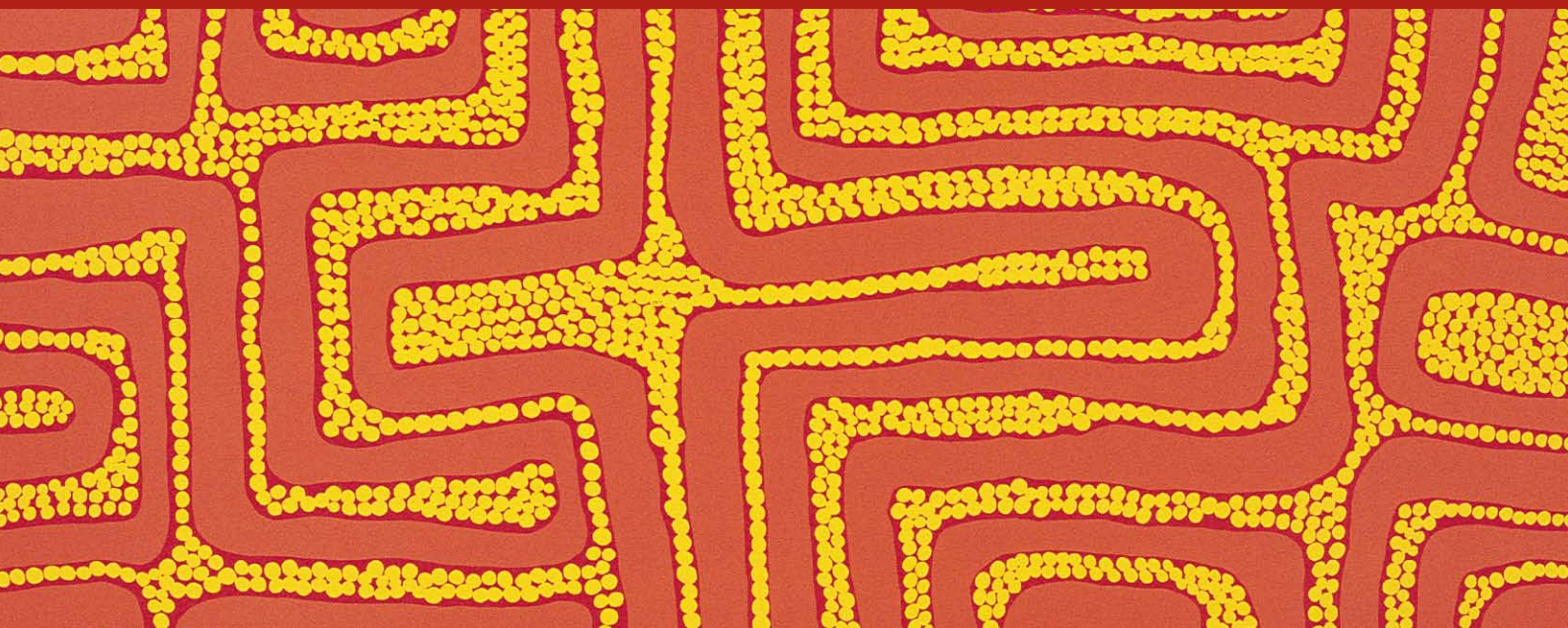


# Master of Arts

## Indigenous Sector Management (U15)



**Hughie Bent**, b.1940, Jagulli #1 (Detail) 1995, screenprint 45 x 56.5cm, The Edith Cowan University Art Collection

The Master of Arts (Indigenous Sector Management) is a one and a half year course for people working in the Indigenous Sector in leadership and management roles.

The course aims to enhance expertise of professionals and contribute to Indigenous self-determination and autonomy.

It provides opportunities for students, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to develop their knowledge of the socio-political context of the Indigenous Sector, their management and leadership skills, their analytical and critical skills in policy formation, research and decision-making.

### Course Location and Mode of Study

The course is available externally, full time or part time and internally dependant on student demand.

### Special Admission Requirements

1. A relevant three year degree from a recognised university.
2. A three year degree with relevant industry experience.
3. Graduate Certificate

*There are limited Commonwealth supported places available*

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# Course Structure

Credit Points

## Year 1 Semester One

IAS4102	Indigenous Peoples and the West	15
ISM5101	Leadership in the Indigenous Sector	15
	Elective - 4th year unit	15
	Elective - 4th year unit	15

## Year 1 Semester Two

IAS4103	Political Economy of Indigenous Australia	15
ISM5107	Indigenous Enterprise	15
	Elective - 5th year unit	15
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Students choose electives from the Master of Business Administration program *OR* may substitute other University Level 5 units with approval from the course coordinator.

## Year 2 Semester One

RES5101	Research Preparation: Methods of Research	20
ISM5114	Issues in Indigenous Policy Studies	10
ISM5208	Project One	15
ISM5209	Project Two	15

# Unit Descriptions

## Year 1 Semester One

### IAS4102 Indigenous Peoples and the West

This unit provides a global historical context for the post-contact experience of Indigenous Australians. The first part of the unit outlines European expansion from 1492 to World War II and the economic, religious and scientific factors that motivated it. Apache, Maori and Tasmanian case studies illustrate the impacts of invasion and dispossession on Indigenous communities.

The second part of the unit explores reasons for European expansion and domination, outlining Eurasia's original ecological advantage, the development of early agricultural communities, the classical period, the renaissance, reformation, agrarian and industrial revolutions.

The third part of the unit focuses on the emergence of capitalism, democracy and the modern nation state, detailing the 19th and 20th century social and institutional developments that underpin the contemporary dominance of Western industrial democracy.

### ISM5101 Leadership in the Indigenous Sector

This unit explores traditional and contemporary understandings of leadership in the Indigenous community. Students will analyse leadership roles in different settings, from the local community through to organisational, business, management, political and international leadership.

There will be special emphasis on strategy, accountability, communication, dispute resolution, advocacy, ethics and the media, with students having the opportunity to focus on areas of particular interest to them.

## Electives – 4TH YEAR UNITS

(Suggested units available from Kurongkurl Katitjin)

## Year 1 Semester Two

### IAS4103 Political Economy of Indigenous Australia

Beginning with traditional Indigenous societies, this unit examines the history of dispossession, adaptation and renewal in the political economy of Indigenous Australians. It traces the alienation of land and resources, the co-option of Indigenous people into semi-feudal agricultural and domestic economies, and the construction of relations of dependence.

A major focus of the unit is the 1967 Referendum, which largely destroyed the existing Indigenous political economy and led to increased dependence on government security on one hand and to the genesis of an Indigenous entrepreneurial ethic on the other.

The unit explores the political and economic consequences of statutory and common law land rights and the potential for increased Indigenous participation in pastoralism, tourism, mining and a range of resource-based enterprises.

A key theme in this unit is the tension between the potential for a unique Indigenous political economy and the continuing impact of social security dependence.

### ISM5107 Indigenous Enterprise

This unit traces the history of Indigenous Australian enterprise and examines the current participation of Indigenous entrepreneurs in the private sector. Students have the opportunity to explore case studies of thriving Indigenous businesses and to distil those elements that explain success. The unit will examine the management implications of the recent shift in Cape York and elsewhere from Indigenous economies based on government funded Indigenous service provision to "real economies" based on enterprise, investment, profit and employment.

## Electives – 5TH YEAR UNITS

## Year 2 Semester One

### RES5101 Research Preparation: Methods of Research

### ISM5114 Issues in Indigenous Policy Studies

This unit explores the key policy challenges that face contemporary Indigenous Australians. Students will analyse the role of Indigenous social indicators in policy formation, critically analyse the debate between equality of outcomes and recognition of Indigenous aspirations, and explore the policy implications of Indigenous autonomy. There will be opportunities for students to concentrate on a policy area of their choice.

### ISM5208 Project 1

### ISM5209 Project 2

These units focus on the development and submission of the Masters project in the student's particular field of interest.