

Assignment 4: Essay 1

Percentage of Overall Mark: 10%

Due: in class Week 10 (20—24 April 2020)

Essay Length: 1000 Words

Self-Evaluation: 1 page

Rationale

It is important to develop the ability to form answers to questions posed in university assignments and communicate them in an acceptable academic style. This assignment is designed to encourage you to develop the skills to critically evaluate some of the academic arguments and research expressed in the Course Readings and in other readings.

During the UOSS 1 course you will be handing in two essays:

- **Essay 1** (Assignment No. 4) will focus on specific marking criteria. It is expected to be a thoughtful and complete piece of writing. Extensive constructive written feedback will be given on this paper. It will be marked by your UOSS 1 class tutor.
- **Essay 2** (Assignment No. 3, due in Term 2) will represent your final, fully developed and rewritten product. It will focus on different criteria and you will be expected to engage with the feedback given to you in your first essay. This paper will be marked by another UOSS 1 tutor (one who is not your class tutor).

Task

Answer the essay question below. This one topic will be developed by you through **both** essay assignments. The emphasis is on the process of developing a well-rounded and well informed piece of academic writing. Please note that the essay question changes each year.

Essay question: It is widely believed that humour is a key aspect of Australian national identity. But to what extent is there a single, uniquely Australian type of humour? Discuss.

You will be required to complete a self-evaluation form for each essay. This form addresses the same criteria as the marking feedback sheet. Please take time to include some reflection - it is a powerful tool in your learning process. Self-evaluation sheets are available from the UOSS Moodle site.

Other Requirements

Submission: Hard copy to be handed in in your class tutorial PLUS upload an additional copy to Moodle. Please note that the hard copy you hand in will be the one to be marked.

Research Requirements: You should complete Essay 1 by using at least four readings from the UOSS 1 Course Reading Kit and the Additional Readings on Moodle.

Presentation and style: Follow the guidelines in the *General Conventions for Assignments* section of this booklet.