

Course Title	Australia Culture and Language (CL102AUS)		Instructor(s)	Iain Stanley
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Class Style	Lecture		Office Hours	14:40-16:10 Mon/Thurs
Track	N/A		Mode of Instruction	Face to Face
Credits	2		Allocated Year	Spring, 2026
Active Learning	Student-centered instruction Critical Thinking strategies Small Group Discussions		Compulsory or Elective	Elective
Course Overview	This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of Australian culture and language. The syllabus is divided into two main sections: 70% focused on cultural aspects and 30% on language learning. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and real-life experiences, students will gain valuable insights into Australia's rich heritage, traditions, language, and social norms.			
Course Objectives	<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of Australian culture, including religion, politics, history, holidays, festivals, places, food, music, and sports. 2. Participate in real-life experiences comparing/contrasting with your country. 3. Examine how Australia and its Western traditions differs from Japan and other Asian traditions 			
Prerequisite				
Course Schedule	No	Contents	Homework	
	1	Introduction to Australia Culture	Research a major Australia holiday or festival	
	2	The Flags in Australia	Write a reflection on Australia's trio of flags	
	3	Modern Australia and History	Online quiz and reflections	
	4	Colonialism and Europe	Online quiz and reflections	
	5	Exploring Australia Places	Describe a famous Australia landmark	
	6	Multiculturalism in Australia	Compare/Contrast with a homogeneous country like Japan	
	7	Australia Music and Dance	Share a favorite Australia song	
	8	Australia Sports and Leisure	Write about the significance of a sport in Australia	
	9	Australia and Animals	Make a comparison between Australian and your country	
	10	Real-life Experience: Festivals	Describe your experience at an Australian festival	
	11	Cost of Living in Modern Australia	Verbalizing Similarities and Differences	
	12	Education in Australia	Compose sentences using different tenses	
	13	Famous Australians Through History	Describing people and their historical significance	
	14	Family and Occupations	Role-play conversations about family and jobs	
15	Holidays and Festivals	Plan a fictional trip to Australia during a festival		

Grading	Class participation and engagement: 20% Homework assignments: 20% Mid-Semester Exam: 15% Online Quizzes and language assessments: 20% Final Exam: 25%
Textbooks	No textbook is necessary for the course. All handouts and materials will be provided.
References	CEFR Practical Resources Page https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/practical-resources
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