



Gender Studies

BA

Bachelor of Arts major

More people than ever are contesting deeply held notions of sex, gender and sexuality.

We look at how gender/sexuality intersects with other identities such as race, class, ethnicity, and religion, which then impacts our perceptions of self and community. Interrogate how gender/sexuality operates in social and discursive spaces – such as science, politics, media and education. Address the past, present, and future of societies through the lens of gender and sexuality.



Career possibilities

Graduates take up positions that focus on improving and transforming society. From roles with the social services to public relations, in counselling, community work and governmental posts, and in the media, political and legal worlds, Gender Studies graduates address structural inequalities locally and globally.

“Gender Studies is my biggest passion and the reason why I went to university. Gender pervades everything we do, and I find that studying it has opened my eyes and helped me better understand the world around me.

“It has challenged me to reflect and work upon my prejudices and has motivated me to change and deconstruct the oppressive power structures which are at work.”



EMMA BRAY
Desk Officer, Cabinet Office, UK Government

Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Gender Studies + Politics and International Relations / Bachelor of Laws conjoint



“Gender Studies allows you to understand how gender operates in our modern society, through lens like intersectionality, decolonialism, queer theory, and masculinity. It allows you to develop crucial critical thinking skills, to dismantle assumptions, and see how social structure interacts with individual agency.”

SARAH BICKERTON
Lecturer



Courses focus on areas such as gender and the home, workplace and public life, gender and violence, Pacific Island cultures and gender relations, and the portrayals of gender and sexuality in popular culture. The topics address the latest developments in feminist, gender, queer and transgender theory and practice. Alongside key Gender Studies courses, you can also take a wide range of courses from other Bachelor of Arts subjects, including Anthropology, Education, English, Politics and International Relations, and Sociology.

STAGE 1 COURSE*

GENDER 101 – Gender: Global and Local

Develops an understanding of key concepts that underlie gender analysis, and how they are expressed in politics, culture and society. Examines the meaning of gender across a range of subjects and issues on the global stage and in our everyday lives.

STAGE 2 COURSE*

GENDER 208 – Thinking Gender

An interdisciplinary examination of feminist theories of gender and sexuality. Focuses on contemporary issues, debates, and practices, while grounding them in foundational theories and investigating how these issues and debates play out across disciplines and practices. Examples include the perils of identity politics, tensions between feminist and queer theories, the politics of representation, and gender justice in a globalised world.

STAGE 3 COURSE*

GENDER 301 – Gender, Sex and Commodification

Focuses on current and controversial issues at the intersections of sex and gender and their co-construction. Issues are approached from contemporary feminist and queer theory perspectives. Various topics are critically examined in both theoretical and practical terms, such as co-constructions of gender and sexualities in pornography and advertising, technologies and reproduction, representations of transgender bodies/identities, and the selling of cybersex.



Get excited about your course options:



- Anthropology of the Body
- Asian Identities
- Sex & Power in Greek and Roman Literature
- Sociology of Gender & Families



Complementary majors include:

Gender Studies
+
Anthropology
Classical Studies and Ancient History
English
Politics and International Relations
Sociology

**Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit our website. Published June 2025.*

“I added Gender Studies as a major in my second year of study as I realised how deeply passionate I am about the subject. I had inadvertently ended up writing about gender in a lot of my other coursework, so I was keen to strengthen my knowledge.”

BECK NEL

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Criminology + Gender Studies
/ Bachelor of Science conjoint

