

HUMN 2040 POLITICS OF SEX AND GENDER

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 100882

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Description This subject provides an introduction to the study of the contemporary politics of sex and gender. Students study key concepts and learn to apply these concepts in the analysis of current issues. Concepts covered include the meanings of sex, gender and sexuality; biology and social constructionism; gendered bodies; doing gender; equality and difference. The concept of intersectionality - how gender intersects in complex relationships of power with other differences such as ethnicity, sexuality, dis/ability and class - is central to this area of study. The subject explores the meaning and potential for social change for a more equitable society and the obstacles to that. Strategies examined range from the use of targets and quotas, to social and cultural activism. Students have the opportunity to explore areas of personal and scholarly interest.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Gender Specific Studies

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Equivalent Subjects LGYB 0160 - Sex Gender and Social Relations

Restrictions

Successful completion of 40 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Explain and apply key concepts used to analyse the politics of sex and gender
2. Undertake independent research on the politics of sex and gender
3. Assess the quality and relevance of academic research on a specific topic in this area of study
4. Effectively communicate the results of research in written formats

Subject Content

1. De-constructing Gender
2. Intersectionality: Living and researching multiple differences
3. Re-producing Gender
4. Gender, State, Power and Violence
5. Sexualities
6. Understanding Masculinities
7. Race, Gender and Sexuality
8. Indigenous and Decolonial Understanding of Sex and Gender
9. Sexual Harassment against Women: Analysing Case Studies of Gender-Based Violence
10. Feminist Activism and Solidarity Building

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group	Mandatory Task
Short Answer	500 words	20	N	Individual	N
Poster	500 words	30	N	Individual	N
Essay	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	N
Participation	13 weeks	10	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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