

HUMN 3048 HISTORY OF GENDERS AND SEXUALITIES

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101991

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Description This subject introduces specialist historical research on diverse genders and sexualities of the past in a variety of world cultures, including First Nations. It teaches the differing ways that forms of gender identity, and sexual desire have been articulated, construed and regulated across time and place. It fosters understanding of the value, gender biases and ethics of generative AI use for historical inquiry of gender and sexuality. It develops reading and writing skills needed for creating gender and sexuality history content for media. It provides training in writing a research project proposal in history of sexuality or gender.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline History

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 3 subject

Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Contextualise present-day sexual and gender identities with reference to historical precedents from a variety of world cultures, including First Nations.
2. Use research, reading and writing skills to create gender or sexuality history content for media.
3. Develop a research project proposal for a topic in gender or sexuality history.
4. Explain critically and reflectively the uses, biases and ethics of generative AI tools when used for historical inquiry of sexuality and gender.
5. Articulate the historical contingency of sexuality and gender categories with reference to specific examples.

Subject Content

Module 1 History of Same-Sex Desire in the Ancient World

Module 2 Histories of Romantic Love

Module 3 History of Middle Eastern Sexualities

Module 4 Gender, Sexuality and Colonialism

Module 5 History of Masturbation

Module 6 Histories of Sexual Medicine and Sexology

Module 7 Histories of Libertinism and Erotica

Module 8 Eunuchs and Hijras in History

Module 9 History of Transgender

Module 10 Histories of Non-Binary, Bearded Ladies and Third Genders

Module 11 History of the Sex-Gender Distinction

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
Quiz	20 minutes each (100 minutes total)	30	N	Individual	N
Short Answer	600 words	10	N	Individual	N
Case Study	4000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	2 hours	30	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

There are no prescribed text for this subject.

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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