



# GEN 312

## Naughty Boys, Bad Girls: Gender and Discipline at Home and at School

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*Sociology*

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## General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

39cp or admission to GDipArts

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Co-badged with SOC317

Unit description

Are boys expected to be naughty, while girls are quiet but in danger of sexual entanglement as teenagers? This unit is concerned with the people who live out these expectations and yet complicate them in the home and the classroom: young children, tweens and teens, parents and teachers. It combines the sociology of education with the study of gender in early childhood, adolescence and youth. Class and race (or culture, ethnicity and religion) play a part along with age, gender and sexuality. The focus of the unit is on discipline and punishment as these are directed towards children at home and at school. What are the problems, conflicts and disruptions faced by young people and their parents and teachers? What are the best strategies for managing them? What are the best tools for understanding them? Fairy tales and children's books (eg, 'Pinocchio', 'Naughty stories for good boys and girls'), TV and film ('Supernanny', 'Boot Camp', 'Mean Girls'), expert advice and self-help manuals (Dr Spock, 'Toddler Taming') are explored alongside the sociological, educational, psychological and gender studies literature offering insight into the behaviour of boys and girls today.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

An understanding of the ways in which ideas and fears about childhood and adolescence play a part in everyday life

An understanding of the complexity and significance of debates about discipline at home and at school

An appreciation of the contributions of sociological and psychoanalytic writers on discipline, childhood, fairy tales and moral panic

An understanding of what Gender Studies is about, how it relates to Sociology, why it has developed and why it matters today

A developed practical sense of how to research a variety of texts in public circulation, how to evaluate their content and engage with it effectively

A developed understanding of the relationship between forms of knowledge and forms of everyday living

An ability to share information, debate ideas and work closely with your peers to build a complex picture of reality

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>1. Quizzes</u>	30%	Weekly in weeks 2-11
<u>2. Independent project</u>	20%	Thursday 10th April 2014
<u>3. Research essay</u>	40%	Thursday 12th June 2014
<u>4. Participation</u>	10%	Throughout

### 1. Quizzes

Due: **Weekly in weeks 2-11**

Weighting: **30%**

From week 2, a multiple choice quiz will be opened on the GEN312/SOC317 iLearn unit on the morning of the weekly lecture. Students will have one week in which to complete it. There will be three questions each week, based on required readings or the lecture. A total of 30 questions will be set with each attracting one mark.

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## 2. Independent project

Due: **Thursday 10th April 2014**

Weighting: **20%**

Critically analyse a film or TV program with reference to two or more of the required readings in GEN312/SOC317

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## 3. Research essay

Due: **Thursday 12th June 2014**

Weighting: **40%**

Write an analytical essay on one of the questions listed on the GEN312/SOC317 iLearn unit.

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- An understanding of what Gender Studies is about, how it relates to Sociology, why it has developed and why it matters today
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## 4. Participation

Due: **Throughout**

Weighting: **10%**

Regular contributions to group discussions on GEN312 topics on-line on the GEN312/SOC317 iLearn unit. Evidence of having done the readings, and having thought about the topics in connection with events and relations between people in the wider world, will be taken into account.

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## Delivery and Resources

Technologies used:

There is an online presence on iLearn; lectures are recorded and available through Echo on iLearn; students require access to reliable broadband internet and a computer.

Changes made to previous offerings of the unit:

The assessment in this unit has been amended. The first assessment item, the two summaries, has been replaced as the marking burden remained too heavy even after the former wiki task was abandoned in 2013. Student feedback from other GEN units where the weekly on-line quizzes were introduced in previous years has been very positive, as the form of assessment is convenient and regularly spaced, the disciplinary knowledge increases and the student participation in tutorials is significantly improved.

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic\\_honesty/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html)

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance\\_management/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\\_studies/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html) *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student\\_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Graduate Capabilities

### Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcomes

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## Assessment tasks

- 2. Independent project
- 3. Research essay
- 4. Participation

## Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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## Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary



solutions to problems.

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## **Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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## **Learning outcomes**

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## **Problem Solving and Research Capability**

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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## Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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## Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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## Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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### Assessment task

- 4. Participation

## Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcomes

- An understanding of the ways in which ideas and fears about childhood and

adolescence play a part in everyday life

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## **Assessment task**

- 4. Participation