



GENX1000

Freedom Dreams: Foundations in Gender Studies

Session 1, Fully online/virtual 2021

Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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By appointment

Credit points

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is an introduction to Gender Studies, an interdisciplinary field that analyses gender and how it intersects with sexuality, race, class, different abilities, and other identities. We establish foundational knowledge of and key concepts in how gender has been theorised and debated through exploring grassroots gender liberation activism including feminism, gay liberation, and the trans and intersex movements.

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:

ULO1: Analyse key concepts about gender, its intersections with other identities, and how these shape and are shaped by social, cultural, economic, and political institutions.

ULO2: Demonstrate an understanding of Gender Studies as an interdisciplinary field and its contribution to understanding the contemporary world.

ULO3: Demonstrate an understanding of historical development of different forms of feminism, what they have contributed the field of Gender Studies, and why they matter today.

ULO4: Research and synthesise media and scholarly texts.

General Assessment Information

Please note that despite the information under "Assessment Tasks" above, there is no "Research Skills Quiz" worth 5% of the overall mark. Please see below for the correct assessment information.

Tutorial participation (via online discussion forum)

Due: **Weekly** Weighting: **20%**

Active engagement in discussion is an important part of university learning. You are required to participate in tutorials each week. Your mark will reflect the quality and quantity of your participation. It takes into consideration:

- your knowledge of the material (you show evidence that you have listened to the lectures and done the required reading)
- your active participation in discussions and tasks. This includes, at minimum, responding to questions posed by the tutor *and* responding to what others in your tutorial have said.
- your overall contribution.

Note that **you are expected to contribute to 80% of the tutorials. Active participation in less than 80% of tutorials will incur a 'fail' unless exceptional circumstances prevail and Special Consideration is granted.**

Quizzes

Due: **Weekly**. Weighting: **20%**

Students will be required to complete a multiple choice quiz each week: 10 quizzes in total, equalling 20 questions. The quizzes will ask you about content from the lectures and from your weekly readings. Each quiz contains 2 questions (2 questions per topic, 1 topics per week=2 questions each week x 10 weeks = 20 questions total).

Students are advised to start attempting the quizzes well ahead of the deadline. There are **no extensions**, including for last-minute technical problems or forgetting to submit on time. You will need to provide documentation explaining your absence for the entire duration of a quiz (one week) in order to apply for special consideration. **Please be advised that the convenor will not respond to any requests to re-open quizzes, to extend their deadlines, or to open them early.**

It is very important to click on the save button for each answer as you go, and when you are happy with your answers, click on the submit button. Without saving each answer and submitting them at the end, they will not be counted. You will be able to change your mind on a saved answer, and save it again, as many times as you want before submitting it. Your saved answers can be retrieved even if you forget to submit them; if they are not saved, however, they

cannot be retrieved and will not count.

Short Essay

Due: **Sunday Week 6** Weighting: **20%**

Write a maximum **1,250 word** analytical response to the assignment task. See iLearn for more information about this task.

Final essay

Due: **Sunday Week 13** Weighting: **40%**

Write a **1,500 word** analytical essay on **ONE** of the questions. See iLearn for more information about this task.

Please be aware of the following policies in regard to assignments:

Academic Integrity Policy: <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/academic-integrity>. *The university takes plagiarism very seriously and there are penalties for using other people's work as your own. This includes directly quoting other people's work without quotation marks and/or acknowledgement. Please check this unit's iLearn site for resources on how to cite your sources properly and avoid plagiarism.*

Special Consideration Policy: <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration>

Assessment Policy: <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/assessment>. For specifics on Grading Policy, click on the "Schedule 1" tab.

Requests for Extensions

To request an extension for a period up to and including 5 working days, please email your tutor.

To apply for an extension of more than 5 working days please complete a Special Consideration request and submit it online. For more information see the Special Consideration Policy above and find further details here: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration>.

Late Assessment Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply—two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date—and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments—e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Research Skills Quiz	5%	No	Ongoing
Online tutorial participation	10%	No	Weekly
Quizzes	20%	No	Weekly
Short essay	25%	No	Week 6
Final research essay	40%	No	Week 13

Research Skills Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **5%**

To help you prepare for doing well in assessment tasks, you will be required to undertake three University Research Skills modules including University Study Skills and Resources, Research and Referencing, and Academic Integrity. Each module has a quiz testing skills developed in that module. These modules orient you to and develop critical academic skills that you will build on throughout your degree. The average results of the quizzes will comprise 5 per cent of your overall mark.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Research and synthesise media and scholarly texts.

Online tutorial participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 21 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **10%**

Active engagement in discussion is an important part of university learning. You are required to participate in an online tutorial each week. Your mark will reflect the quality and quantity of your participation. It takes into consideration: *your knowledge of the material (you show evidence that you have listened to the lectures and done the required reading) *your active participation in discussions and tasks. This includes, at minimum, responding to questions posed by the tutor and responding to what others in your tutorial have said. *your overall contribution.

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Quizzes

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 32 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will be required to complete a weekly multiple choice quiz based on content from the lectures and from weekly readings.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Short essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 21 hours

Due: **Week 6**

Weighting: **25%**

Write a maximum 1,250 word analysis of a key concept

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Final research essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 28 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

1500 word analytical essay on one of the questions provided

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

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Each week there will be a 2-hour lecture live online and recorded so that you can watch it on demand. There will also be a 1 hour tutorial online.

Please see your timetables for the latest information on lecture and tutorials times. Please note that [lectures and tutorials start in week 1](#).

All readings are available via Leganto through our iLearn site and the library.

Unit Schedule

UNIT SCHEDULE

Please note that schedule is a general guide and may be subject to change

Week 1	Lecture 1: Introduction: What is Gender Studies?
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	Tutorial	Introduction
Week 2		Lecture 2: Bodies, Brains, and Binaries
	Tutorial	Gender: Nature or Culture?
Week 3		Lecture 3: 1970s Feminisms
	Tutorial	Feminist manifestos
Week 4		Lecture 4: Third World to Contemporary Feminisms
	Tutorial	Intersectional Feminisms
Week 5		Lecture 5: Femininities
	Tutorial	Hegemonic Femininity and Intersectionality
Week 6		Lecture 6: Men's Liberation and the Rise of Men's Studies
	Tutorial	Prisoners of Sex? Men's Liberation and Masculinities
FIRST ASSIGNMENT DUE SUNDAY OF WEEK 6		
SESSION BREAK		
Week 7		Lecture 7: Masculinities
	Tutorial	Australian masculinities
Week 8		Lecture 8: Sexualities
	Tutorial	Gay Liberation
Week 9		Performativity and Queer Theory and Film Screening: <i>Paris is Burning</i>
	Tutorial	Queer Theory
Week 10		Lecture 10: The Rise of the Transgender Movement and Trans Identities
	Tutorial	Trans Identities
Week 11		Lecture 11: Intersex Spectrums; Intimacy; <u>**discussion of final essay</u>
	Tutorial	Intersex Spectrums

Week 12		Lecture 12: Gender and Nation
	Tutorial	Gender and Australian National Identity
Week 13		Lecture 13: Final assignments
	Tutorial	Final assignments
<u>Final Assignment Due</u>	<u>Sun of week 13</u>	

Policies and Procedures

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

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA

student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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