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General Information

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Credit points
4

Prerequisites
Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit provides a survey of the field of gender studies by introducing key debates and theories in feminist thought. The emphasis will be on gender as an object of inquiry, as well as an epistemological and methodological practice. The unit design invites students to consider how the idea of theory as practice is reflected in the ways in which they plan and conduct their own research. This unit welcomes both gender studies majors seeking further theoretical training, as well as those new to the field for whom the content provides intensive introduction.

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:

- Demonstrate skills in research, text analysis and academic writing
- Analyse how researchers combine theories and empirical material effectively
- Present a piece of ongoing research containing theoretical analysis and empirical material in order to seek advice from an audience
- Engage in informed discussion about theories and concepts with their peers
- Demonstrate their understanding of some key feminist theories, tropes and perspectives since the 1960s and their trajectories up to the present, so that they can interpret their own research interests in the context of these trajectories
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methodology and epistemology

**General Assessment Information**

**Late submission and extension**

All assignments which are officially received after the due date, and where no extension has been granted by the convenor before the due date, will incur a deduction of 5% for the first day, and 1% for each subsequent day including the actual day on which the work is received. Weekends and public holidays are included. Please speak to your convenor as soon as possible if you think you will be unable to submit your assignment on time.

**Applying for Disruption to Studies**

If students experience disruptions that adversely affect their academic performance in assessment activities, they need to apply for Disruption to Studies (previously called Special Consideration).

Information about what counts as serious and unavoidable disruptions and other details can be found at: [http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/exams/disruption_to_studies/](http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/exams/disruption_to_studies/)

Information about how to apply online for Disruption to Studies can be found at: [http://ask.mq.edu.au/kb.php?record=ce7c4e38-4f82-c4d7-95b1-4e2ee8fd075f](http://ask.mq.edu.au/kb.php?record=ce7c4e38-4f82-c4d7-95b1-4e2ee8fd075f)

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Seminar Participation**

Due: **Ongoing**  
Weighting: **30%**

Class participation is crucial for this unit, as it will help you think aloud with your peers and clarify complex ideas based on readings.

Students are required to bring a weekly reading log to class, and participate in discussion regularly and actively.

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/53001/unit_guide/print
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Class presentation

Due: **Weeks 9 & 10**  
Weighting: **30%**

It is important for research students to be able to think about readings they encounter and ideas they develop in terms of how these may contribute towards their own research thesis as a whole. It is also an important part of academic research practice to develop one’s ideas by engaging with feedback from others.

In the presentation, students will explain their writing project, and how it (may) relates to their draft thesis outline. They are required to consult the convenor before finalising the topic of the presentation.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse how researchers combine theories and empirical material effectively
- Present a piece of ongoing research containing theoretical analysis and empirical material in order to seek advice from an audience

Writing project

Due: **8 June 2015**  
Weighting: **40%**

It is important for students to start writing towards their thesis as early as possible. This project is designed to contribute directly to students’ thesis writing.

Students will submit a 2000-words writing project based on their presentation, and in a form agreed with the convenor. The word limit excludes the reference list, but includes footnotes.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in research, text analysis and academic writing
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Delivery and Resources
All resources are available on iLearn.

Unit Schedule

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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:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of

[https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/53001/unit_guide/print](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/53001/unit_guide/print)
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/)

**Results**

Results shown in *iLearn*, 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](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](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](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/) 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](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**IT Help**


When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

**Graduate Capabilities**

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their
professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and
decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Present a piece of ongoing research containing theoretical analysis and empirical
  material in order to seek advice from an audience
- Engage in informed discussion about theories and concepts with their peers

**Assessment tasks**

- Seminar Participation
- Class presentation

**PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills**

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of
knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen
fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

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**Assessment tasks**

- Seminar Participation
- Class presentation
- Writing project

**PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience,
of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and
knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

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**Assessment tasks**

- Seminar Participation
- Class presentation
- Writing project

**PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability**

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

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**Assessment tasks**
- Seminar Participation
- Class presentation
- Writing project

**PG - Effective Communication**

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**
- Demonstrate skills in research, text analysis and academic writing
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**Assessment tasks**
- Seminar Participation
- Class presentation

**PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens**

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**
- Engage in informed discussion about theories and concepts with their peers

**Assessment task**
- Seminar Participation
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