



# GENX110

## Foundations in Gender Studies

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit introduces students to fundamental theory used within gender studies to explore what it means to be male and female today, and what it has meant for past generations. Students will gain a sense of the complexity and significance of a number of key issues and debates (local and global, past and present) that have arisen within the study of sex and gender. These include: body, image and power, the cultural and psycho-sexual dynamics of oppression and violence; ideas of equality at work, at home, and at school; and the changing nature of masculinity and femininity in Australia. The unit is interdisciplinary, with input from politics, education, history, philosophy and indigenous studies, as well as sociology and gender studies. All enrolment queries should be directed to Open Universities Australia (OUA): see [www.open.edu.au](http://www.open.edu.au)

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.open.edu.au/student-admin-and-support/key-dates/>

## Learning Outcomes

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

An understanding of what interdisciplinary gender studies are, why they have developed

and why they matter today

Emerging knowledge about how gender shapes social, economic and political institutions and outcomes

An understanding of what the social movement of feminism is about, why it has developed and why it matters today

An understanding of gender and power

A sense of the complexity and significance of some key issues and debates (local and global) in contemporary gender studies

A sense of the complexity and importance of cross-cultural dialogue on gender issues

A practical knowledge of how to read and write about research texts and social issues in a reflective, critical way

An understanding of the relationship between forms of knowledge and forms of everyday living. The material itself, which focuses on a range of contemporary issues to do with gender, will help you to approach real-life situations, analyse them, and remedy problems when necessary. We imagine that what you learn in GEN110 is knowledge that you will be able to, through using the analytical skills developed in the unit, adapt to the real world.

## **General Assessment Information**

There are 4 assessments in GEN110, consisting of tutorial participation, quizzes, a comprehension task and an essay. Taken together, the tasks are designed to aid your learning and test your understanding of the course material.

Task 3 and 4 must be submitted via Turnitin.

Students should be aware of the following policies in particular in regard to assignments:

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

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

### **Requests for Extensions and Late Penalties**

To apply for an extension of more than 5 working days, please complete the disruption to studies notification and submitted online through [AskMQ](#). See the Disruption to Studies Policy above and find further details here: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration/disruption-to-studies>

Late assessments without an approved extension will incur a penalty of two marks (out of 100) per working day (ie. week day).

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">Online discussion</a>	10%	No	Ongoing
<a href="#">Quizzes</a>	20%	No	Ongoing from week 2
<a href="#">Key concepts comprehension</a>	30%	No	Sunday Week 5
<a href="#">Final essay</a>	40%	No	Sunday Week 13

### Online discussion

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **10%**

Active engagement in discussion is an important part of university learning. Each week, we will present you with questions related to the lecture and reading material to discuss online. Tutorial participation each week is required—you cannot post retrospectively. Your mark will reflect the quality and quantity of your participation. It takes into consideration:

- your familiarity with the material (you have listened to the lectures and done the reading)
- your active participation in discussions and tasks. This includes posting your responses to questions posed by the tutor *and* responding to what others in your tutorial have written (no binge posting in the final week of semester).

Note that you are expected to participate in at least 80% of tutorials unless exceptional circumstances prevail.

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## Quizzes

Due: **Ongoing from week 2**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will be required to complete a multiple choice quiz each week based on content in the lectures and readings: 10 quizzes in total, equalling 20 questions. The quizzes will ask you about material from the lectures and the weekly readings.

From Week 2 to Week 11, multiple choice quizzes will open on the GEN110 ILearn.

Students will have one week in which to complete the week's quizzes: quizzes always open on Thursdays after lectures and close on the following Wednesdays at midnight.

There will be two questions each week, and you need to complete a total of 10 sets of quizzes (i.e. 2 questions per week x 10 sets of questions per semester).

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 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.

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## Key concepts comprehension

Due: **Sunday Week 5**

Weighting: **30%**

Write a maximum **1,250 word** analytical response to the assignment task to be supplied.

The aim of this assignment is to show your familiarity with key concepts in the course, to demonstrate you can use those concepts, and to demonstrate academic writing skills.

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real world.

## Final essay

Due: **Sunday Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

Write a **1,500 word** analytical essay on **ONE** of the questions to be supplied.

This essay will test your comprehension of the ideas and issues discussed during the course.

You are to use at least 6 references from the course, and to conduct some independent library research to source some additional references of your own choosing.

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## Delivery and Resources

Lectures will be on Thursdays, 10am to 12pm.

Lectures will be recorded.

Please note that lectures and tutorials start in the first week of S1 classes.

All readings are available on GEN110 iLearn.

## Unit Schedule

Please note that the dates in the second column below are for the Mondays of that week and not the day of the lecture which is on Thursday.

Week 1	Feb 27	Lecture 1: Introduction: What is Gender Studies?
	Tutorial	Introductions
Week 2	March 6	Lecture 2: Bodies and Binaries
	Tutorial	19 <sup>th</sup> century beliefs: on brains and representations of Indigenous womanhood
Week 3	March 13	Lecture 3: Feminisms <b>**<u>discussion of key concepts essay</u></b>
	Tutorial	1970s feminist writings
Week 4	March 20	Lecture 4: Femininities <b>**<u>feedback on progress so far</u></b>
	Tutorial	Filipina and Muslim women
Week 5	March 27	Lecture 5: Men's and Masculinity Studies
	Tutorial	Australian Masculinity <b>**Organise groups for group presentations</b>
<b>Key concepts essay due</b>	<b>Sunday April 2</b>	
Week 6	April 3	Lecture 6: Masculinities
	Tutorial	White and Chinese men
Week 7	April 10	Lecture 7: Histories of Sexualities
	Tutorial	Queer theory
<b>SESSION BREAK</b>	<b>Monday April 17-30</b>	
Week 8	May 1	Lecture 8: Sexualities



	Tutorial	Performativity <i>**Discuss group presentation notes and presentations</i>
Week 9	May 8	Lecture 9: Intersectionality and Third Wave Feminisms <b><u>**discussion of final essay</u></b>
	Tutorial	Intersectionality and national context
Week 10	May 15	Lecture 10: Intersex and Trans* Spectrums
	Tutorial	Sexes and Genders
<b>Group presentation notes due</b>	<b>Sunday May 21</b>	
Week 11	May 22	Lecture 11: Gender and Intimacy
	Tutorial	Sexual assault and pornography
Week 12	May 31	Lecture 12: Gender and Nation & Conclusions
	Tutorial	Gender and Australian identity
Week 13	June 5	Lecture 13: No lecture this week. Please use the time to work on your final essay.
	Tutorial	No readings this week
<b>Final essay due</b>	<b>Sunday June 11</b>	

## Policies and Procedures

### Late Submission - applies unless otherwise stated elsewhere in the unit guide

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.

## Extension Request

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

The University recognises that students may experience events or conditions that adversely affect their academic performance. If you experience serious and unavoidable difficulties at exam time or when assessment tasks are due, you can consider applying for Special Consideration.

You need to show that the circumstances:

1. were serious, unexpected and unavoidable
2. were beyond your control
3. caused substantial disruption to your academic work
4. substantially interfered with your otherwise satisfactory fulfilment of the unit requirements
5. lasted at least three consecutive days or a total of 5 days within the teaching period and prevented completion of an assessment task scheduled for a specific date.

If you feel that your studies have been impacted submit an application as follows:

1. Visit [Ask MQ](#) and use your OneID to log in
2. Fill in your relevant details
3. Attach supporting documents by clicking 'Add a reply', click 'Browse' and navigating to the files you want to attach, then click 'Submit Form' to send your notification and supporting documents
4. Please keep copies of your original documents, as they may be requested in the future as part of the assessment process

### **Outcome**

Once your submission is assessed, an appropriate outcome will be organised.

## OUA Specific Policies and Procedures

### **Withdrawal from a unit after the census date**

You can withdraw from your subjects prior to [the census date](#) (last day to withdraw). If you successfully withdraw before the census date, you won't need to apply for Special Circumstances. If you find yourself unable to withdraw from your subjects before the

census date - you might be able to [apply for Special Circumstances](#). If you're eligible, we can refund your fees and overturn your fail grade.

If you're studying Single Subjects using FEE-HELP or paying up front, you can [apply online](#).

If you're studying a degree using HECS-HELP, you'll need to [apply directly to Macquarie University](#).

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\\_2016.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html)

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

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint\\_management/procedure.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy (in effect until Dec 4th, 2017): [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\\_studies/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html)

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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/)

## 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](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

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## 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://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](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.

## Graduate Capabilities

### 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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcome

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## Assessment tasks

- Online discussion
- Key concepts comprehension
- Final essay

## 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.

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## 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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## 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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## **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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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## 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.

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## Changes from Previous Offering

All existing material is updated each year to reflect relevant developments in society and in research.

We will continue to seek and respond to student feedback on all aspects of the unit, so that it works in well with student interests, capabilities, and needs.

## Changes since First Published

Date	Description
01/03/2017	Removed location of lecture theatre Added information about expectations of tutorial participation Added Unit Schedule Added information about requests for extensions and late penalties

Date	Description
27/ 02/ 2017	Quizzes changed to Week 2 to Week 11.