

## 2012 Specialisation – Gender Studies

### WHY GENDER STUDIES?

Gender is one of the major ways that human society is organised, whether considered from a social or cultural perspective. Gender Studies has developed over the last three decades into a complex and influential academic discipline. The ideas of Gender Studies, and in particular the theories and practices of feminism, have significantly shifted the ways of knowing across many fields of academic inquiry. The Gender Studies specialisation provides students with a critical education in major theories and applications about the place of gender. The introductory units in first year position gender in contemporary society from social and cultural perspectives. The second and third year units enable interdisciplinary studies across history, literary studies, politics, education, media studies and other fields.

An understanding of the implications of gender in today's society is most important in work that deals with people.

### Guidelines for students who commence their course from 2010 onwards

To complete this specialisation, students are required to complete **SIX (6)** units of study from the list below, including the two first-year units **ACW1020 and ACW1021** (listed in bold).

### Guidelines for students who commenced their course prior to 2010

To complete this specialisation (formerly known as major), students are required to complete **EIGHT (8)** units of study from the list below, including the two first-year units **ACW1020 and ACW1021** (listed in bold).

All students should consult their course structure to determine if specific units from the 'Other Specialisation' list should be undertaken to satisfy the requirements of their degree.

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Year Level	Unit Code	Unit Title	Prerequisites	Campus *Evening class also available	Unit Coordinator
<b>Semester 1</b>					
1	<b>ACW1020</b>	<b>Sex and Gender</b>	Nil	S, F	Catherine Balmer
2/3	ACW3024	Varieties of Feminist Thought	ACW1020/1021	S, F	Catherine Balmer
2/3	ACW3022	Rethinking the Family	ACW1020/1021 or First Year Sociology	S, F	Catherine Balmer
<b>Semester 2</b>					
1	<b>ACW1021</b>	<b>Fashioning Gender</b>	Nil	S, F	Catherine Balmer
1	ACW1020	Sex and Gender	Nil	S	Catherine Balmer
2/3	ACW2021	Gender on the Agenda	ACW1020/1021 or First Year Sociology	S, F	Catherine Balmer
2/3	ACW2033	Women and International Development	ACW1020/1021 or First Year Sociology and/or First Year Community Development	F*	Maree Keating
2/3	ACW2023	Queer identities	ACW1020/1021 or First Year Sociology	S*,F*	Catherine Balmer
<b>The following units are part of this specialisation but will NOT BE available in 2012</b>					
2/3	ACW2022	Researching Gendered Lives	ACW1020/1021 or First Year History	S, F	Karina Smith
2/3	ACW3023	Gender Cross-Culturally	ACW1020/1021	S, F	Catherine Balmer
2/3	ACW3025	Knowing Bodies	ACW1020/1021	S, F	Catherine Balmer
2/3	ACP2067	Gender and Genre in Short Fiction	ACW1020/1021, First Year Lit Studies, First Year Communication Studies or First Year Professional Writing	S, F	Jenny Lee
2/3	ACW3019	Gender, Screen, Identity	Nil		

Campus Codes: F = Footscray Park, S = St Albans

All units are offered subject to sufficient numbers and may be cancelled if there are insufficient enrolments.

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