

# GENDER STUDIES SPECIALISATION

## 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 which deals with people.

## VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates in Gender Studies have gone into careers in education, health and community services, public and private sector research and policy development, administration and management. Whether working directly in equal opportunity or women's services, social work or community development, or in policy, research, administration and management, or public relations or journalism, or human resource management, or as a professional psychologist, Gender Studies provides students with valuable knowledge and skills for their career.

## HOW CAN I STUDY GENDER STUDIES?

A specialisation of six units in Gender Studies can be taken as part of a Bachelor of Arts degree, and is also available as a specialisation in other Humanities and Social Science degrees.

Units may also be taken as electives by BA students taking other majors or by students in other degree programs, although prerequisite studies must be satisfied.

Master in Arts by research and Doctor of Philosophy in Gender Studies and related fields are also offered.

## STRUCTURE OF THE GENDER STUDIES SPECIALISATION

### Core units

ACW1020	Sex and Gender
ACW1021	Fashioning Gender

### Other specialisation units

ACW2033	Women in International Development
ACW3022	Rethinking the Family
ACW3024	Varieties of Feminist Thought
ACW2021	Gender on the Agenda
ACP2067	Gender and Genre in Short Fiction*
ACW3019	Screen, Gender, Identity*
ACW2022	Researching Gendered Lives*
ACW3023	Gender Cross Culturally*
ACW3025	Knowing Bodies*
ACW2023	Queer Identities

\*Units not offered 2012

Units offered may vary each year. List of offerings in each academic year is published on the Faculty Student Website: [WWW.VU.EDU.AU/AEHD](http://WWW.VU.EDU.AU/AEHD)

Detailed unit outlines can be obtained from the Victoria University online handbook: [WWW.VU.EDU.AU/COURSES](http://WWW.VU.EDU.AU/COURSES)

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