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Gender, Sexuality & Culture



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Graduates of a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Gender, Sexuality and Culture develop research skills, the ability to construct compelling written arguments and the ability to think beyond existing perspectives.

About Gender, Sexuality and Culture

Gender, Sexuality and Culture teaches students the interdisciplinary knowledge and skills to analyse gender, sexuality and other categories of difference critically. It trains students to use a conceptual vocabulary that facilitates critical thinking about the role of culture, society and economy in maintaining gender norms and hierarchies. It challenges students to move beyond common sense understandings of

gender and sexuality by examining how they are constructed in different historical periods, cultural contexts and global processes.

The Gender, Sexuality and Culture major develops students' capacity for thinking and communicating creatively and independently about society, identity and power. It encourages a reflexive and questioning approach to knowledge. It draws on the disciplines of Gender Studies, Cultural Studies and Sociology. Students will have opportunities to learn about diverse theoretical and methodological frameworks such as those represented by feminist theory, queer theory, critical race studies, social constructivism, social and cultural studies of family/kinship and political economy.

Career opportunities

Studies in Gender, Sexuality and Culture are interdisciplinary, which means that you will develop your knowledge and a broad range of practical skills that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries. Graduates have been employed in a wide range of areas, including government policy, the media and internet, education, journalism, social work, law, community work, business and many other fields.

Gender, Sexuality and Culture at ANU

ANU is ranked among the world's top universities, and has a strong international reputation in humanities, arts and social sciences.¹ The University's expertise in gender, sexuality and cultural studies is spread widely across the ANU, and opportunities for research are enhanced by the recently established ANU Gender Institute. You can engage in aspects of gender and sexuality in disciplines and areas of interest as varied as biology, health, law, human rights, literature and performance.

Gender, Sexuality and Culture students learn to:

- Analyse, evaluate and apply contemporary theories of gender, sexuality and culture
- Use the conceptual vocabulary of gender and cultural studies to analyse contemporary issues and problems
- Use the methods of gender and cultural studies to analyse the way gender and sexuality are produced in culture, including written and visual texts
- Identify and understand interdisciplinary approaches to gender, sexuality and culture.

Flexible Double Degrees

The Bachelor of Arts can be combined with degrees in Arts and Social Sciences, Law, Business, Engineering or Science as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

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I came to ANU because of its reputation for being a world leader in arts and humanities programs. In particular, Gender, Sexuality and Culture drew my attention because of the variety of courses on offer and the thought provoking material that it presented.

Studying Gender, Sexuality and Culture has provided me with the confidence and tools to theorise the relationship between gender, sexuality and other categories of difference and how these influence our everyday lives. Along the way, I have developed a range of transferable skills in terms of communication, teamwork and time management, which will all help to make me employable in the future.

I have really enjoyed studying Gender, Sexuality and Culture because of its interdisciplinary focus. Not only have I completed courses in Gender and Cultural Studies but courses from anthropology, history, philosophy, political science and sociology were all included in my undergraduate major.

Having completed my Honours in Gender, Sexuality and Culture, I have decided to continue on to a PhD and career in academia, so that I can inspire and challenge others to think outside the box.