About Gender, Sexuality and Culture

The study of human Gender, Sexuality and Culture at ANU teaches you the interdisciplinary knowledge and skills required to analyse gender, sexuality and other categories of difference from a critical perspective. It will train you in the use of a conceptual vocabulary that facilitates critical thinking about gender relations and the role of culture in maintaining social norms. It challenges you to move beyond common sense understandings of gender and sexuality by examining the way they are constructed in different historical periods, cultural arenas and global processes.

The Gender, Sexuality and Culture major aims to develop your capacity for thinking and communicating creatively and independently about society, identity and culture. It encourages a reflexive and questioning approach to knowledge. It draws on the disciplines of gender studies and cultural studies, and theoretical and methodological frameworks such as feminist theory, queer theory, postcolonial theory and post-structuralism.

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 enjoys an international reputation and is ranked number 16 in the world for arts and humanities.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 newly 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 Degree

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.