

CULT 6002 GENDER SECURITY AND VIOLENCE

Credit Points 10

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Description Deploying critical feminist and gender theory, this subject examines and distinguishes between specific issues pertaining to gender violence within war and peace, and across different domestic and international contexts. Through the lens of actual, threatened, and symbolic gender violence and its consequences, this subject also unpacks the concept of gender (in)security as a distinct component within human security more broadly. Throughout the semester, students will consider these themes through analysis of domestic and international case studies and will be required to discern effective practices and responses to gender violence from approaches that perpetuate gender inequity and harm. By the end of this subject, students will be able to draft theoretically informed gender security initiatives.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Gender Specific Studies

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 6 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program at Western Sydney University.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Analyse critical feminist and gender theory, and its applicability to understandings and responses to gender violence
2. Distinguish between notions of human (in)security and gender (in)security
3. Discern best practice responses and strategies to gender violence, from those responses that perpetuate inequities and harm
4. Make theoretically informed recommendations in response to real and fictional case studies

Subject Content

- Gender theory
- Overview of key feminist interventions, in theory and practice, from the Global South
- Cross-cultural concepts of gender
- Gender equality and equity
- Gender violence and its correlates in war and peace
- Feminist understandings of human (in)security
- How gender security can be differentiated from human security more broadly

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are

regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Research Proposal	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Case Study	1,500 words	45	N	Individual	N
Poster	500 words	20	N	Group	N

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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