

# HUMN 3098 GENDERS AND SEXUALITIES: BEYOND THE BINARY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102733

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**Description** This subject encourages students to critically reflect on how their own identities and experiences of genders and sexualities are shaped by broader social practices that define what is natural and what is normal. The subject focuses on two substantive topics: the body and institutions. Bodies are usually understood through biological explanations of gender and sexuality. However, this subject will consider how the body is shaped by the social discourses and practices through which genders and sexualities are produced. The subject investigates how age, race, class and ability are coded differently in terms of gender and sexuality. Institutions - families, schools, workplaces and religions - will be studied as sites where genders and sexualities may be observed but also produced and negotiated.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Gender Specific Studies

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Restrictions**

Successful completion of 80 credit points.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Analyse gender and sexuality in historical, political and social context.
2. Apply a critical understanding of social theories to gender and sexuality.
3. Demonstrate capacity to apply theories of gender and sexuality to personal experiences.
4. Assess institutional discourses of gender and sexuality.

## Subject Content

Introduction: Gender, sexuality, identity and intersectionality  
Theoretical perspectives on gender and sexuality; relationship between gender and sexuality  
Gender, sexuality & power: Discourse, knowledge & subjectivity  
Gender and sexuality across the lifespan  
Gender, sexuality and the body  
Gender, sexuality and violence  
Gender, sexuality and the family  
Gender, sexuality and the workplace  
Gender, sexuality and education  
Gender, sexuality and politics (National & global)

## 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
Critical Review	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Essay	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Case Study	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

## Spring (2025)

### Penrith (Kingswood)

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### Liverpool

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