

# WELF 3025 SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH: IDENTITIES, CULTURES AND TRANSITIONS

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## Credit Points 10

**Description** This subject offers insight into how youth, as a social category, has been constructed, researched and understood, historically and contemporaneously in sociology and related disciplines. Through the lens of identities, cultures, and transitions, and with reference to structure and agency, students will examine young peoples' meaning-making practices and lifestyle choices across generations. The subject explores how social institutions (like the family, education and work) and categories of social difference (like genders, sexualities, class, race, ethnicity and Indigeneity) intersect, shaping young peoples' responses to rapidly changing political, social, and economic environments.

**School** Social Sciences

## Student Contribution Band

Check your fees via the Fees ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/fees/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/)) page.

**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

## Assumed Knowledge

Successful completion of 80cp at Level 2

## Learning Outcomes

1. Critique the different sociological approaches to youth.
2. Analyse the diverse factors that shape young people's identities as they navigate adulthood.
3. Evaluate the impact of social institutions, structures and systems on the lives of young people.
4. Investigate how young people assert agency in response to social, political and economic change.

## Subject Content

- Theorising youth: Historical and contemporary approaches in sociology and related disciplines
- Transitional, cultural and generational frameworks for understanding youth
- Intersectional youth identities
- Young people and social institutions
- Youth citizenship and politics, structure and agency
- Young people and social change