Gender and Sexuality

Second year module

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In this module students will study theories of gender relations and the tenets of feminist theory in the first half of the module. Gender difference and the translation of difference into inequality will be addressed. Theory will be applied to a range of substantive areas including the gendering of the private/public spheres, postfeminism, gender identity, masculinity, gendered intersections with class and ethnicity, the body and gender and social change.

In the second half of the module theories of sexuality will be examined and explored in relation to a range of substantive topics including heterosexuality, same sex sexualities, the politics of sexuality; the sexualisation of culture, and the intersection of race and desire; HIV/AIDS. While its disciplinary focus is sociology the module will draw substantially from gender studies, feminist theory, lesbian and gay studies, Queer theory and cultural studies.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module the student should be able to:

- Critically evaluate the main theories of gender and sexuality.
- Demonstrate a broad understanding and explain the relationship between the gender and sexuality.
- Research a specific topic, undertake an in-depth analysis and write this up in a scholarly fashion.
- Apply theoretical concepts to substantive areas.

Assessment

- **Term One:** Formative class exercise
- **Term Two:** 1 essay x 3,000 word assessed work (50%)
- **Term Three:** 3 hour examination (50%)

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