

Women's Studies

Level: Stage 2

Course length: Full year

Credit value: 20 Credits

Advice to students

Women's Studies is a subject that is enjoyed by both female and male students who have an interest in exploring gender relations. No background knowledge is required. However higher order writing skills are an advantage.

Course overview

By looking at gender and gender roles throughout history and in different cultures, Women's Studies explores the world we live in from the perspectives of women. Students learn to identify the complex and contradictory ideas that exist about femininity and masculinity, and how being a woman or a man may influence an individual's experiences and expectations through the study of 4 key issues selected from:

- Women in Cultural texts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Women's Struggles, Achievements and Empowerment
- Women, Culture and Society.

Assessment

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types.

School-based assessment

- One Text Analysis 20%
- One Essay 20%
- Three Folio Tasks 30%

External assessment

- One Issues Analysis 30%

Pathways

Women's Studies offers a number of pathways into post-secondary study and the workforce including social sciences, the humanities, social work, and the law, and can be beneficial in a range of medical and biological sciences.