Women’s Studies

Level: Stage 2
Course length: Full year
Credit value: 20 Credit points

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 4–6 key issues selected from:
• Representations of Women in Cultural texts
• Women and Work
• Family Life and Caring
• Health and Wellbeing
• Women and the Law
• Women’s Struggles, Achievements and Empowerment
• Women, Culture and Society
• Lifestyle and Choice
• Communication and Technology
• Development and Globalisation

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

School-based assessment
• Text Analysis 20%
• Essay 20%
• Folio 30%

External assessment
• 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.