

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

**Bachelor of Arts Programme in Gender Studies**  
**CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT**

The Gender Studies programme includes four different types of courses aimed at grounding students in the interdisciplinary study of gender as a subject and as a category of analysis. In each course, students will develop a deeper understanding of gender and will also acquire transferable skills: 1. assess sources and read them analytically for argument. 2. structure and communicate ideas orally. 3. write concisely and with clarity; 4. develop teamwork skills and leadership. 5. develop self-reflexivity.

All courses bear 6-credits, which normally involve 24-36 contact hours and 120-180 hours of student learning activities (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning), except for the internship course which involves at least 40 contact hours. All courses are assessed by 100% coursework, with no more than a total of 6,000 words of output per course. Students will be asked to demonstrate writing skills, speaking skills, presentational skills, independent study skills, research techniques and other means of critical learning.

*1. Introductory Course (6 credits)*

This course will introduce students to the interdisciplinary field of Gender Studies, including gender-related topics and theoretical foundations. Assessment is by 100% coursework, including in-class quizzes, class participation, essays and presentations, with a total output of approximately 4-5,000 words.

*2. Seminar Courses (6 credits)*

These courses deepen certain themes and topics in the discipline. These courses emphasize critical reading, effective communication (writing and speaking), and research skills. Assessment is by 100% coursework, including class participation, essays and presentations, with a total output of approximately 5,000 words.

*3. Research Course (capstone) (6 credits)*

This capstone experience aims at providing Gender Studies majors in their penultimate or final year an opportunity to produce a final project. Students explore Gender Studies research methods and through pursuing an original project in primary and secondary sources, develop interdisciplinary skills of gender research. Assessment is by 100% coursework, including a research essay, graded research exercises and class participation, with a total output of approximately 5-6,000 words.

*4. Internship (6 credits)*

The Gender Studies internship offers students an opportunity to take their classroom knowledge into the community. Drawing on previous coursework in Gender Studies, students will apply a critical and intersectional knowledge of gender and sexuality to an experiential learning endeavor that demonstrates a real impact on society. An internship proposal must be submitted to the course supervisor the semester before the proposed start of internship. The student must pass an

interview with the organization before being allowed to register for this course. The duration of the internship will depend on the arrangement between the student and the organization, but should involve at least 40 contact hours of service for the organization. Students will check-in with the supervisor at least twice to discuss internship progress. Assessment is by 100% coursework (graded on a pass/fail basis), including an internship, a field supervisor's report, and the intern student's report, with a total output of approximately 2,500 words.

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