

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Gender, Sexuality and Culture
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	5
4	Module Code	EGL5062

5	Module Overview
<p>This module explores two concepts central to our understanding of what makes us 'modern': gender and sexuality. We will challenge 'common sense' understandings of gender and sexuality by interrogating cultural identities, such as queer, heterosexual, homosexual, gay, lesbian, straight and trans. It will introduce you to gender studies and sexuality studies as theoretical, social, cultural, political and historical fields of investigation. There will be a broadly chronological approach to texts and theoretical approaches, moving between examples of twentieth-century fiction, popular culture and theory. You will be given an introduction to literature, culture, and theory as a dynamic field in which issues of gender and sexuality are debated and explored. We will begin by considering where studies of gender and sexuality stood at the start of the twentieth century, and then consider how a number of literary and theoretical texts explore and investigate gender and sexuality. Through these texts we will consider topics such as desire, identity, sexual classification, repression and liberation, the body, transgression, and normality and deviance.</p> <p>You will develop the foundation of your knowledge through a series of lectures which are followed by workshops in which you will apply your understanding of the field through a range of practical activities. These might include: close readings of literary texts, debates, mini-presentations, application of theoretical and contextual documents and/or field trips. Your formally taught sessions will be supported by pre-sessional learning activities delivered via Moodle. Your independent learning will be characterised by the development of your wider creative and critical knowledge of the field which will be supported by the application and development of your research skills.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>This course will cover a range of twentieth century texts, helping students to become familiar with how crucial issues around identity, gender and sexuality are discussed in literature and theory. There will be a lecture and a seminar each week.</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
1	Assess some of the main issues raised by theoretical accounts of sexuality and gender.
2	Analyse and critically evaluate literary texts in ways informed by their historical and cultural context, and informed by theoretical accounts of sexuality and gender.
3	Construct an argument supported by textual evidence.
4	Demonstrate appropriate levels of written expression and research skills.

8 Module Assessment			
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1-4	x		

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	100
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	64
Total Study Hours:	200