

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Gender, Sexuality and Society				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSGNSSO_C				
	UCAS code (if applicable)	N/A				
6	Home Department	History, Classics and Archaeology				
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Dip, PG Cert				
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 year full-time; 2 years part-time				
9	Mode of Study	FT	x	PT	x	DL
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7				

11	Other teaching depts or institution	N/A				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A				
13	QAA Benchmark Group	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims					
		<p>This programme provides students with a structured masters programme to explore gender and sexuality in contemporary society. It provides a framework within which preparation for doctoral study can be undertaken, for those who wish to progress to a research degree; but is focussed particularly on provision of a rich and varied experience of studying gender and sexuality from social science (and interdisciplinary) perspectives at level 7. Teaching is research-led.</p>				

15	Entry Criteria					
		Second-class honours degree (usually) in a social science subject and references				

16	Learning Outcomes					
		<p>Subject Specific</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. an awareness of theoretical issues at stake gender and sexuality scholarship in the social sciences 2. an understanding of the methodologies used in the analysis and interpretation of gender and sexuality in the social sciences 3. an understanding of interdisciplinary and cross disciplinary debates in gender and sexuality studies 				

	<p>4. to understand core debates within specific subject fields</p> <p>Intellectual</p> <p>5. the ability to carry out effective and critical evaluations of information, data and interpretations</p> <p>6. the use of critical reasoning</p> <p>7. the development of analytical skills</p> <p>8. the ability to synthesise different types and quantities of data and information</p> <p>9. the ability to tackle complex problems and select the appropriate evidence to solve them</p> <p>Practical</p> <p>10. improved level of IT skills and computer literacy through experiences with word processing and internet, and where appropriate with databases and spreadsheets</p> <p>11. ability to collate, compare and analyse substantial quantities of data</p> <p>12. to carry out documentary-based research</p> <p>13. to present findings both orally and in writing</p> <p>Personal and Social</p> <p>14. the ability to work successfully in teams</p> <p>15. the ability to work successfully on an independent basis</p> <p>16. to develop presentation skills</p> <p>17. to develop organisational skills</p> <p>18. to master time-management</p>
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17	<p>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</p> <p>Learning is achieved through a balance of formal pedagogy and independent study, with an emphasis upon the latter, suitable to this level of study in the social sciences. Options module teaching is done primarily via seminar group, with occasional lectures; and in one-to-one tutorials as and when necessary. A core module – Theorising Gender – has a component lecture series. The dissertation module includes research training workshops. Where appropriate, use is made of on-line resources including Moodle.</p> <p>Assessment is via written work, with a different essay (or equivalent) for each module. The dissertation module is composed 15% coursework related to research skills and literature review and 85% for the dissertation itself.</p>
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18	Programme Description
	<p>The programme consists of four taught modules and a dissertation. All students take the core module 'Theorising Gender' in the first term of their degree. They then have a choice of a further three option modules (taken across two years for the part-time degree, or within one year for the full-time degree). At least two of these options must be taken from a designated MSc Gender, Sexuality and Society options list. There is also a dissertation module which incorporates skills training. Students receive one-to-one supervision for their dissertation research, and the dissertation is then submitted at the end of September in the year in which the degree is completed.</p>

19	Programme Structure			
Full Time programme				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status
7	FDGD009S7	Theorising Gender	30	Compulsory
7		Option 1	30	Optional
7		Option 2	30	Optional
7		Option 3	30	Optional
7	FDGD008D7	Dissertation	60	Compulsory
Part Time programme				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status
7	FDGD009S7	Theorising Gender	30	Compulsory
7		Option 1	30	Optional
Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status
7		Option 2	30	Optional
7		Option 3	30	Optional
7	FDGD008D7	Dissertation	60	Compulsory

Status*

CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student

COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board

OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module

24	Programme Director	Dr Matt Cook
25	Start Date (term/year)	Prior to 2009
26	Date approved by TQEC	Prior to 2009
27	Date approved by Academic Board	Prior to 2009
28	Date(s) updated/amended	June 2017