

## Programme Specification

1	<b>Awarding body</b>	University of London							
2	<b>Teaching Institution</b>	<b>Birkbeck College</b>							
3	<b>Programme Title(s)</b>	<b>MSc Gender, Sexuality and Society</b>							
4	<b>Programme Code(s)</b>	TMSGNSIP_C (on-campus study) TMSGNSMX_C (flexible study) TMSGNSON_C (online study) TMSGNSSJ_C (January start)							
	<b>UCAS code</b>	N/A							
6	<b>Home Department</b>	History, Classics and Archaeology							
7	<b>Exit Award(s)</b>	PG Dip, PG Cert							
8	<b>Duration of Study (number of years)</b>	1 year full-time; 2 years part-time							
9	<b>Mode of Study</b>	FT	x	PT	x	DL-FT	x	DL-PT	x
10	<b>Level of Award (FHEQ)</b>	7							
11	<b>Other teaching depts or institution</b>	N/A							
12	<b>Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details</b>	N/A							
13	<a href="#">QAA Benchmark Group</a>	N/A							

14	<b>Programme Rationale &amp; Aims</b>
	<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	<b>Entry Criteria</b>
	Second-class honours degree (usually) in a social science subject and references

16	<b>Learning Outcomes</b>
	<p>Subject Specific</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. an awareness of theoretical issues at stake gender and sexuality scholarship in the social sciences</li> <li>2. an understanding of the methodologies used in the analysis and interpretation of gender and sexuality in the social sciences</li> <li>3. an understanding of interdisciplinary and cross disciplinary debates in gender and sexuality studies</li> <li>4. to understand core debates within specific subject fields</li> </ol>

	<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><b>Learning, teaching and assessment methods</b></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>Most options are delivered in-person, some are delivered both in-person and online, and some online only. There is sufficient online provision to allow students to complete their degrees with no in-person modules. Those students taking the online route through the programme, or who select one or more of the online modules as part of their studies, will be taught through a mixture of online seminars, live and recorded lecture material, and a range of additional online resources.</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	<p><b>Programme Description</b></p> <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> <p>Indicative list of designated option modules:</p> <p>SSGE079S7    Contesting Culture          FDRE012S7    Culture, Community, Identity          FDLL003S7    Education, Power and Resistances          LALA096S7    Equality and the Law          FDDV002S7    Gender and Development          LADD013S7    Taking a Case to the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Note: Not all options are available as online modules – however each year students will have a will have a menu of more than three online option modules in HCA and other departments, ensuring that a online path through the degree is available.</p> <p><b>Options planned to run online 2022/3:</b></p> <p>FDGD012S7    Queer Histories, Queer Cultures          SSHC543S7    Antisemitism, Holocaust, Colonialism, Gender: Connecting the Conversation          HICL195S7    The Science of Progress? Darwin, Evolution and the Making of Modernity          SSHC458S7    Me, Myself and I: Identity and the Self in Europe          LACN019S7    Regulating Sex and Sexuality          LADD027S7    Gender, Sexuality and Criminal Justice</p> <p>Further cross-listed modules from other departments are expected to be available.</p>
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7		Option 1	30	Optional
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7		Option 3	30	Optional
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*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*

<sup>20</sup>	<b>Programme Director</b>	Dr Matt Cook
<sup>21</sup>	<b>Start Date (term/year)</b>	Prior to 2009
<sup>22</sup>	<b>Date approved by TQEC</b>	Prior to 2009
<sup>23</sup>	<b>Date approved by Academic Board</b>	Prior to 2009
<sup>24</sup>	<b>Date(s) updated/amended</b>	March 2022