

Course Title: **Gender, Sexuality and Law**

Course Code: **LAWS791**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2023**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **7**

PREREQUISITE/S: **195 points from a Bachelor's Degree**

COREQUISITE/S: **None**

RESTRICTION/S: **None**

## LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

**Total learning hours: 150**

## PRESCRIPTOR

An introduction to feminist and critical legal theory and analysis, focussing on areas which raise gender and sexuality issues, both in an international and New Zealand context.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Analyse a range of feminist and critical legal theory critiques of gender, sexuality and the law in both an international and New Zealand context.
2. Apply a feminist or critical legal theory to a critical analysis of a gender or sexuality issue arising from an area of law.
3. Critically assess the international and national legal responses to women and gender diverse people across different areas of law.
4. Critically reflect on gender and sexuality concerns, changing perceptions of law and justice, and law reform processes.

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## CONTENT

- The historical development of feminist legal theory and critical legal analysis relevant to gender and sexuality
- An overview of different feminisms, theories of gender and important debates in legal and social regulation of gender and sexuality
- Consideration of key concepts, including: formal and substantive equality, the public/private divide, heteronormativity, intersectionality, social structure and individual agency, the intersection of gender and culture, social personhood, criminalisation.
- An introduction to different cultural frameworks of gender and sexuality, including mana wāhine
- Analysis of current and relevant topics in legal and social regulation of gender and sexuality. Topics will vary year-to-year, but may include:
  - The impact of colonial law on mana wāhine
  - Gender diversity and law in the South Pacific
  - Legal frameworks structuring identity and personhood
  - The regulation of relationships and family units through norms of gender and sexuality
  - Human rights and gender and sexuality
  - Gender and sexuality issues in criminal justice
  - Legal responses to gendered violence
  - Disability rights, gender and sexuality
  - Gender, sexuality and international law
  - Gender, sexuality and employment issues
  - Gender, sexuality and regulation of commercial activities
  - Gender, sexuality and dispute resolution

## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops & online learning.

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Reflective writing (individual) OR Reading discussion-oral presentation (individual)	40.00	4
Research essay (individual) OR Policy analysis (individual)	60.00	1, 2, 3

<b>Grade Map</b>	<b>MAP1</b>
	A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
	B+ B B- Pass with Merit
	C+ C C- Pass
	D Fail

**Overall requirement/s to pass the course:**

## LEARNING RESOURCES

Details of all learning resources (including journals, databases, websites etc) are available on Canvas. Required Text(s): If there is a required text, details are available by searching the University Bookshop's website: [www.ubs.co.nz](http://www.ubs.co.nz)

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**For further information, contact:** Te Ara Pakihi, Te Ohanga Me Te Ture - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

**Principal Programme:** AK1008, Bachelor of Laws

**Related Programme/s:** AK1009LLB(Hons), AK2601 CertLegalSt

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