

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

ANNUAL REPORT 1978

1. (i) General

The Women's Studies programme has completed its third year. As in 1976 and 1977 it consisted of one advanced level inter-disciplinary course concerned with the description and analysis of women in society, considered from a variety of perspectives. The inter-disciplinary character of the course was maintained and developed through teaching assistance given both by individual members of staff throughout the university, and by individual experts from outside the university.

The course co-ordinator was seconded from the History Department, Faculty of Arts, for the duration of 1978 only, to fill the position left vacant when Dr. Ann Curthoys resigned in December 1977. As in the previous two years, the co-ordinator continued to be attached to the History Department. She conducted the day-to-day administration of the course, taught in it, and performed the informal function of a source of information and assistance for staff and students involved in courses other than Women's Studies. Advertisements for a course co-ordinator for 1979 and thereafter have now appeared; it is expected that the position will be filled by the end of January 1979.

The Women's Studies Committee has continued to assist the co-ordinator. Following recommendations made in the report of the internal review at the end of 1977, the Committee designed two courses - to be called Women's Studies A and Women's Studies B - for 1979. The Faculty of Arts approved both for entry in the Faculty Handbook for 1979, on 1 June 1978.

(ii) Course

The course was modified in 1978 to allow greater integration of the various disciplines that it involved, and to enable students to pursue particular kinds of inquiry at greater depth. The first half of the year consisted of a survey of basic concepts and concerns within the subject, introducing students to a wide range of material drawn from several disciplines. At the beginning of the second half of the year, students chose one of eight Special Topics offered, and spent the rest of the year's discussion and research considering in detail issues raised within their Special Topic. Two of the Special Topics were taught by the course co-ordinator, one by the part-time tutor, and five by people from other parts of the university.

(iii) Enrolments and Examination Results

There were 89 enrolments at 20 April 1978; there were 73 examination enrolments. The 16 students who withdrew during the year did so primarily for personal reasons, most of them relating to their health or their families. The wastage rate was higher than that for 1977 by 3%. Examination enrolments were much higher than those for 1977 (73 in 1978, compared with 44 in 1977).

Assessment was continuous and cumulative, for assignments set during the year. In two of the Special Topic groups assessment of the final assignment included a small proportion of the marks being given for tutorial participation. All students had more than one examiner.

As in 1976 and 1977, the results were of a very high standard: seventy per cent of students gained credit or better.

(iv) Student Participation

There were two elected student representatives on the Women's Studies Committee. Otherwise, the main forum of staff-student consultation was informal, occurring in lectures, tutorials, and individual discussions.

(v) Work of Graduate Students

Not applicable.

(vi) Staff

Temporary Lecturer	Dr. Susan Magrey, B.A. (Adel.), Dip. Ed. (Adel.) M.A. (A.N.U.), Ph.D. (A.N.U.)
Part-time Tutor	Ms. Sara Dowse, B.A. (Syd.)

The following staff members of A.N.U. gave teaching assistance to the Women's Studies course in 1978.

Dr. C. Baldock	Sociology, S.G.S.
Dr. V. Brown	Human Sciences, S.G.S.
Ms. K. Cole	Political Science, S.G.S.
Dr. A. Day	Sociology, R.S.S.S.
Ms. J. Docker	Romance Languages, S.G.S.
Ms. S. Edgar	A.D.B., History, R.S.S.S.
Ms. H. Gamble	Law, S.G.S.
Ms. D. Gollan	History, S.G.S.
Dr. C. Ifeka	Prehistory and Anthropology, S.G.S.
Dr. L. Manderson	Asian Civilizations, S.G.S.
Mr. C. Plowman	Assistant Vice-Chancellor
Dr. H. Ware	Demography, R.S.S.S.

The following post-graduate students at A.N.U. gave teaching assistance to the Women's Studies course in 1978:

Ms. D. Darroch	Sociology, R.S.S.S.
Ms. B. Hooper	Far Eastern History, R.S.Pac.S.

The following people from outside the A.N.U. each gave a lecture in the course in 1978:

Ms. C. Bacchi	History, University of New England
Dr. K. Daniels	History, University of Tasmania
Ms. G. Davidson	Political correspondent with the <u>Canberra Times</u>
Ms. Rachel Faggetter	Vice-master, Ormond College, University of Melbourne; teacher in Peking 1973-5
Dr. Shula Marks	School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Ms. Helen Prendergast	Deputy Director, Equal Employment Opportunities Bureau, Commonwealth Public Service.
Ms. Mavis Robertson	Journalist; studied in Moscow 1966 and 1973
Ms. Julia Ryan	Master Teacher, School Without Walls, Canberra
Senator Susan Ryan	Commonwealth Parliament
Ms. Anne Summers	Journalist with the <u>National Times</u>

2. Publications

Magarey, S. M., 'The Invention of Juvenile Delinquency in Early Nineteenth-Century England', Labour History, no. 34, (May 1978)

'The Position of Women in China', chapter in Anne Gollan and John Reid (eds), Visiting China, in preparation, to be published December 1978.

'Teaching Women's History', Australian Historical Association Bulletin, no. 17, in press, to appear December 1978.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES ANALYSIS OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Percentage of Number Enrolled

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Women's Studies	Enrolled as at 30.4.77	Sitting	Wastage	Failure	Sitting	High Dist.	Dist.	Credit	Pass With Merit	Pass	Fail
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	89 (100)	72 (82)	16 (18)	0 (0)	73 (100)	3 (4)	17 (23)	32 (44)	-	18 (25)	3 (4)