Where Can a Graduate Degree Take Me?

A Master’s degree in Gender Studies can take your career in many directions. Many of our MA students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master’s students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Advocacy
- Arts
- Community Organizing
- Education
- Equity
- Human Resources
- Immigration Services
- Journalism and Media
- Law
- Mediation and Labour Relations
- Politics and Government
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Social Research
- Social Services
- Social Work

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

Why QUEEN’S?

“The first time I heard about the Gender Studies department at Queen’s [...] someone referred to it as ‘friendly and supportive’. During my time studying Gender Studies, I discovered the truth of those words on a frequent, if not daily, basis.”

– Bilan Hashi, MA

Gender Studies at Queen’s teaches critical race, gender and sexuality studies and their applications to work for social change. Students examine gender, our key category of analysis, in terms of its connections to race, class, nation, sexuality, disability, age, religion, colonialism and globalization. Our program emphasizes critical race conceptual frameworks at all levels of instruction.

Our world class faculty hold SSHRC grants, supervise active research programs, serve as editors of peer-reviewed journals, and publish widely in Canadian and international presses. Faculty research and teaching are advancing feminist, queer, and trans studies by centering anti-racist, anti-colonial and transnational theories and methods. Our students conduct research in Canada and internationally and connect their scholarship to local and global work for social justice.

Why KINGSTON?

Described by students as both “Quaint” and “Electric” Kingston is big enough to provide all the conveniences of modern life, and small enough for students, staff, and faculty to feel instantly comfortable and at home. Kingston is an integral part of the Kingston community, with the campus nestled in the core of the city, only a 10-minute walk to downtown with its shopping, dining and waterfront. For more about Kingston’s history and culture, see Queen’s University’s Discover Kingston page.

Program STRUCTURE

The MA in Gender Studies is a one-year program. Full-time students take six courses — one (3.0 credit) required courses and four (3.0 credit) elective courses in fall and winter semesters — and complete a Major Research Paper (30 pages) during spring and summer. Elective courses may consist of GNDS-graduate seminars, GNDS Directed Readings (up to a maximum of two), the GNDS practicum or courses hosted by other departments.

RESEARCH Areas

- Activism and Alliance Building
- Anti-Colonial Thought
- Anti-Racist Feminisms
- Black Geographies
- Colonialisms
- Diaspora
- Creative Economy
- Critical History
- Ethnicity
- Gender and Poverty
- Globalization, Work and Social Justice
- Indigenous Studies
- Memory and Trauma
- Popular Culture
- Queer Studies
- Trans Studies
- Transnationalism and Diaspora

For students new to Kingston or those looking to refresh their memories visit Navigating Graduate Studies and Beyond to explore possibilities, set goals and track your individual accomplishments. Everyone’s journey is different – the guide offers options for finding your way at Queen’s and setting the foundation for your future. To make your own customized map, use the online My Grad Map tool.
Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps for the online version with links!