4-year Honours Bachelor’s degree (BAHon.) in Women’s Studies, Gender Studies, or related field.
Grade requirements: minimum B+ (75%) average in the last 2 years of undergraduate study.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
• Statement of Interest.
• Writing sample (maximum 12 pages).
• If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening. The School of Graduate Studies requires the following minimum scores: TOEFL (paper-based): 550, (2) TOEFL iBT: Writing (24/30); Speaking (22/30); Reading (22/30); Listening (20/30), for a total of 88/120 (applicants must have the minimum score in each test as well as the minimum overall score), or (3) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module overall band score), or (4) PTE Academic: 65.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
• Application deadline: December 15th for early admission; Final application deadline is February 1st.
• Notification of acceptance: 4 weeks after the full application has been received.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

What about FUNDING?
MA students in Gender Studies generally receive minimum funding of $13,000/year, which consists of graduate awards and teaching assistantships. Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC and other sources.

Why QUEEN’S?
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 feminist, queer and trans studies by centering

We encourage you to identify an area of research interest and contact a potential supervisor before applying.

Visit the Gender Studies Department website to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members’ research areas. When you find a faculty member with similar research interests to yours, contact them and tell them about your interest in graduate work, area of research interest and related experience.
GETTING STARTED

• Start with key priorities like developing your relationship with your supervisor, forming your committee, and doing your coursework.
• Find your way through the academic process with help from Expanding Horizons professional development workshops.
• Participate in GDNS Graduate Orientation.
• Attend the GDNS Brown Bag series.

INTERMEDIATE STAGE

• Complete your coursework, begin to research and write your Major Research Paper. The MRP should be composed of two parts: (1) a paper written in one of the student’s fall or winter term graduate courses; and (2) a new work prepared during spring and summer.
• Attend a major conference in your field, such as Congress, the National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, or the Canadian Association of African Studies Annual Conference.
• Attend or present at a graduate conference.
• Consider participating in the 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition.
• Expand your research audience through social media such as Twitter or a blog.

WRAPPING UP

• Complete your Major Research Paper.
• Consider publication options for your research, such as Canadian Women’s Studies, Gender, Place and Culture and Atlantis.
• Attend a major conference in your field, such as Congress, the National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, or the Canadian Association of African Studies Annual Conference.
• Consider professional development opportunities, such as attending a workshop.
• Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, interviews.
• Check out opportunities for extra training through CTL, Expanding Horizons, Mitacs, or other sources to boost your skills.
• Investigate internships from Mitacs and other sources.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

A graduate degree in Gender Studies can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
• Knowledge and technical skills
• Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences
• Information management: prioritize, organize, and synthesize large amounts of information
• Time management: meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands
• Project management: develop ideas, gather information, analyze, critique appraisal findings, draw and act on conclusions
• Creativity and innovation
• Perseverance
• Independence and experience as a collaborator
• Awareness, an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and ethical inquiry
• Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interaction
• Leadership: initiative and vision leading people and discussion

WHERE CAN I GO?

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.