Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills listed here for ideas. Exploring your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services workshops.

Get to know GENDER STUDIES

The undergraduate program in Gender Studies at Queen’s offers courses in politics, feminist, queer and gender theory, anti-racism, transgender studies, settler-colonial studies, social justice, popular culture and the critical analysis of everyday events. From theatre and presentations to essays and blogs, we work with students on high-quality public speaking, meticulous research and clear, thoughtful writing. We work across the arts and social sciences to produce a truly interdisciplinary program, one that prepares students for a broad range of careers, including law, academia, medicine, public service, media and activism.

Whether in our international exchange program in Oslo, Norway, or in our local community-based activism practicum, we prepare our students to be global citizens. With a strong core and over 35 cross-appointed faculty from 21 different departments, Gender Studies provides breadth, depth and challenge. GNDS also administers a Certificate Program in Sexual and Gender Diversity (SXGD) open to students in all degree plans.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor in Gender Studies
Internship option available

Course HIGHLIGHTS

Niaqib Bars. #Blacklivesmatter, GamerGate—what are the realities behind the hashtags and headlines? Gender, Race and Popular Culture explores what's happening right now. Histories matter too, examined from many angles. Study LGBTQ+ representation and politics in Introductory or Advanced SXGD courses. Discover how we weave our histories in Gender, Dress and Fashion, and Racism, Colonialism and Resistance.

Combining arts, social sciences and activism, Gender Studies is a degree program with depth and a critical edge.

A Year to CHOOSE

We often say that our students are like explorers. In Arts and Science, your first year is all about making choices and exploring new paths. Whether you are in Arts, Science or Computing, you will choose your courses from a wide variety of subjects as you settle into university life and become familiar with new styles of learning. By the end of your first year, you will have discovered your areas of interest, passion and success, and will then declare your major. Your first year, whether you consider it to be undeclared, undecided or simply a time for exploration, is bound to be a year full of adventure.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources — our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.
# Gender Studies Major Map

## 1st Year

**Get the Courses You Need**
- In first year take GNDS 120, 125, although you can take them later than first year.
- Each Plan will have at least one required first-year course, including minors. It is important to take a variety of first-year courses to keep as many pathways open as possible for you going into second year. For details see the Arts and Science Academic Calendar.
- Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

**Get Relevant Experience**
- Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Sexual Health Resource Centre (SHRC), the AMS Commission of Social Issues, Queen’s Black Academic Society and the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre.
- See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

**Get Connected with the Community**
- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations such as the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre, Chipped Off Theatre, and Queen’s InvisAbilities.
- Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).
- Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Half the Sky. Review the Gender Studies Trans Resource List.

**Get Thinking Globally**
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

**Get Ready for Life After Graduation**
- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

## 2nd Year

**2nd Year**
- There are six core courses in Gender Studies (including GNDS 212 and 215) a minimum of two should be taken in second year. Please see the Academic Calendar to ensure you are taking the correct courses.

**3rd Year**
- Try to complete all 200 and 300 level program requirements/core courses, plus GNDS 311 and 345. Investigate the possibility of doing an independent research project in your fourth year.
- Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

## 4th or Final Year

**3rd Year**
- Select fourth year courses including the options of a community-based practicum and/or independent research options.
- By fourth year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well.

**Apply to graduate in SOLUS.**

**Consider a 12-16 month QUIP Internship**
- Look for positions in non-profit organizations through Charity Village.
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.
- Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences and the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Gender Studies.

**International Students**
- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

**Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans after graduation?**
- Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions.
- Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html for the online version with links!

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*This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone’s abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online My Major Map tool.*