

# Gender Studies



## 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

Niqab Bans, #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 wear 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.*

## Queen's ADMISSION

Students apply to Queen's Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre) website ([ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca)). Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements. Visit [queensu.ca/admission](http://queensu.ca/admission) for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen's.

## 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.

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**  
That is a degree from Queen's. [QUartsci.com](http://QUartsci.com)

# 2017 - 2018 Gender Studies MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR



Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in **Sexual and Gender Diversity** or explore other certificates available.



CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

\*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.

Visit [careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html](https://careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html) for the online version with links!

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## MAJOR MAP



### How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Major Map](#) tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

### 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.



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# Succeed in the workplace

## What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

- 1 People skills
- 2 Communication skills
- 3 Problem-solving skills
- 4 Analytical abilities
- 5 Leadership skills
- 6 Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen's, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the [Career Services skills workshop](#).

## What can I learn studying GENDER STUDIES?

- Understand differences and the intersections between forms of oppression
- Make connections between gender, race, nation, ability, sexuality and how they are affected by oppression and resistance
- Engage with creative texts, films, performance
- Active rather than passive responses to popular culture
- Analytical skills to form and defend positions with clarity and accuracy in diverse formats
- Critical thinking to recognize and assess the assumptions behind arguments
- Methodology to compare and combine methodologies from the arts, social sciences, and health sciences
- Close reading to carefully interpret primary and secondary sources, examine how they are put together from the smallest elements to the overall structure
- Oral and written communication to write research papers, make group and solo presentations

## Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top [Intelligent Communities](#) across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the [GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS](#) in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city 'the happiest place on the planet'. Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the [freshwater sailing capital of the world](#), Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you're attending school? Queen's has more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; your time here is guaranteed to be 'fresh made daily'.

*We're closer than you think.*

