**Why GRADUATE STUDIES in GENDER STUDIES?**

Gender Studies opens doors for students to address growing concerns for inequity, equity and justice across national and global society. Gender Studies is a space where our theories and our practices pay attention to the differences and connections between diverse peoples worldwide.

As an interdisciplinary field, Gender Studies helps students take up social science, humanities, arts, and natural science methods and connect them to produce innovative new knowledge. Graduates of the PhD in Gender Studies at Queen’s work in such fields as education, health, law, public policy, social research, social work, media, art and community organizing. Gender Studies prepares students for both academic and nonacademic careers.

**Program STRUCTURE**

The PhD in Gender Studies is a four-year program. Full-time PhD students complete three (3.0 credit) required courses, one (3.0 credit) elective course, one (0.0 credit) Proseminar course, and the (3.0 credit) PhD Practicum. Students advance to candidacy for the PhD after completing all coursework, syllabus, and practicum requirements and having successfully defended their dissertation proposal.

**RESEARCH Areas**

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

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.
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.

How to use this map

ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS

- Key priorities include your relationship with your supervisor, forming your committee and coursework.
- Meet early with your supervisor to set expectations and discuss roles, responsibilities, program requirements, resources, research/occupational goals, timelines, and any required accommodation plans.
- Attend and participate in graduate seminars.
- Priorities include completing your comprehensive exam, practicum, and research proposal.
- Set up regular meetings with your supervisor to discuss progress and obstacles to timely completion.
- Find your way through the academic process with the help of School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs professional development and the SGSPA website.
- Seek experiential/professional development opportunities.
- Plan date of thesis submission for examination.
- Present your research to graduate students and faculty at or conferences and work with supervisor to prepare for defence.
- Review submission and examination guidelines.
- Secure necessary oral defence accommodations.

MAXIMIZE RESEARCH IMPACT

- Think about audiences for your research.
- Complete CORE online module on research ethics if doing research regarding sensitive topics.
- Apply to SSHRC, OGS, and other funding.
- Attend conferences in your field.
- Continue presenting at conferences.
- Consider participating in the 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition.
- Contact the Queen's Media Centre for guidance on speaking to news outlets about your work.
- List yourself on the Arts and Science University Research website.

BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Serve on departmental, faculty or university committees. Talk to the Graduate Visual Culture Association for tips on getting involved.
- Consider positions in student services, the SGPS, or media outlets like the Queen's Journal, CJCR, and the SGSPA Blog. Look in the AMS Clubs Directory.
- Use a Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant position to develop your skills and experience.
- Consider volunteering with different community organizations, such as the Reelout Arts Project and Queen's Students for Literacy.
- Join the Department's Fundraising or Social Committee, or participate in organizing Context and Meaning.
- Consider joining professional associations like the Women's and Gender Studies Association, Recherches Fernemistes or Sexuality Studies Association.
- Continue targeted networking with people working in careers of interest.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

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- Participate in your graduate and professional community through activities such as graduate student outreach programs, organizing conferences, and research groups.
- Do some targeted networking with people working in careers of interest, through Queen's Connects on LinkedIn, the Queen's Alumni Association, professional associations, and at conferences. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Find opportunities for extra training through CTL, School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs professional development or other resources to boost your skills.
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate hosted by QUIC.

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

- Finding career fit starts with knowing yourself. Take a Career Services career planning, workshop or meet with a career counsellor for help.
- Start reading publications like University Affairs and the Chronicle of Higher Education. Browse non-academic labour market websites.
- Stay on the lookout for special events like School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs Career Week to explore your career pathways.
- Start building your teaching portfolio including student evaluations, and seeking mentorship.
- Explore different careers of interest by using Queen's Connects on LinkedIn to connect with Queen's alumni. For more information check out Career Cruising.
- Investigate requirements for professional positions or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Start putting together your resume and begin your job search plan.
- Start focusing on non-academic areas of interest. Research organizations of interest and start putting together your industry resume and begin your job search plan.
- Continue teaching as a departmental Teaching Fellow.
- Investigate internships from MITACS and other sources. Find opportunities for extra training through CTL, School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs professional development, or other resources to boost your skills.
- Attend workshops put on by the Department, such as the Professional and Academic Development Program (PADP).
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A PhD in Gender Studies can take your career in many directions. In Canada, less than 40% of all PhDs will work in post-secondary education - the majority will work in industry, government, or non-profits.

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- Research
- Advertising
- Arts administration
- Education
- Ethics
- Healthcare
- Human resources
- Immigration Services
- Journalism/media
- Labour/Industrial Relations
- Law
- Meditation and Labour Relations
- Social Work
- Student Affairs

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, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation
- Perseverance
- Independence and experience as a collaborative worker
- Awareness of understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership: initiative and vision leading people and discussion

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

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- An MA degree from a recognized university in Gender Studies or cognate fields (women’s studies, feminist studies, sexuality studies) or in another field with evidence of a prior focus on gender.
- Grade requirements: minimum B+ (75%) average in the last 2 years of university study.
- Consideration will be given to practitioners of Gender Studies in the public or private sectors who hold a BAHon/BA and who demonstrate exceptional and relevant professional experience and achievement in an appropriate field.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- An updated Curriculum Vitae or resume.
- Writing sample.
- Two copies of official transcript.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening. The following minimum scores are required: (1) TOEFL iBT: Writing (24/30); Speaking (22/30); Reading (22/30); Listening (20/30). Applicants must have the minimum score in each test as well as the minimum overall score, or (2) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module overall band score and a 7.0 for each test band), or (3) PTE Academics: 65, or (4) CAEL CE -70 (minimum overall score).

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
- Application due: December 1st for early admission; Final application deadline is January 15th.
- Notification of acceptance: Offers of admission will be made following the early consideration deadline and final application deadline.

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

What about FUNDING?

Students in Gender Studies receive minimum funding of $20,000/year. Funding package may be delivered in one or more of the following ways: internal awards and fellowships, external funding (if available), Teaching fellowships, Teaching assistantships, and Research assistantships.

Apply for external funding from the Ontario Graduate Scholarship, SSHRC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically issue a one time $10,000 award to incoming PhD students who have won federal government Tri-Council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs’ information on awards and scholarships.