Gender Studies

The undergraduate program in Gender Studies at Queen's offers courses in feminist, anti-racist, Indigenous, postcolonial, queer, transgender, and social justice studies. Students learn about the histories of different forms of oppression, engage with popular culture, and critically analyze everyday events. From research papers and blogs, to presentations and creative productions, students work on meticulous research, clear and thoughtful writing, creative expression, and public speaking. Our courses span the arts and social sciences to produce a truly interdisciplinary program, one that prepares students for a broad range of careers.

Reasons to study Gender Studies

- Embrace an intersectional approach to gender that explores and challenges racism, colonialism, (hetero)sexism, capitalism, ableism, and other systems of power.
- Gain transferable skills for the job market: writing, critical thinking, research, public speaking, and creative production.
- Explore how structures of power, privilege, and oppression shape current events and pop culture.
- Learn tools to advocate for systemic change in light of current social and political realities.
- 5 Challenge the status quo and engage in social justice work both locally and globally.

Alumni Story

"As a black woman at Queen's University, Gender Studies went beyond the classroom for me. Rather than solely being an educational space, it was a place that provided me solace in periods of adversity. Being a Gender Studies student meant being in spaces that acknowledged my identity and thus my struggles."

-Chidera Ekeanyawu, BAH '21

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

Advocacy and Activism

Curator

Education

Healthcare

Journalism and Communications

Research and Graduate School

Social Work

Advising and Consulting

Counselling

Law

Government

Non-Profit Organizations

Politics and Policy

Event Planning and Project Management

Human Rights

Library Science

2023-24 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the Experiential Learning website. You can also reach out to the team directly at ass.el@queensu.ca.

Add a Certificate

Data Analytics

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Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

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Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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That is a degree from Queen's.

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2023-2024

Gender Studies MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR			
	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	In first year you'll have the chance to explore the foundations of Gender Studies along with some electives. Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for extra help. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!	Delve deeper into the Gender Studies, while considering a minor to compliment your studies. Look into the Sexual and Gender Diversity certificate program to add a specialization in sexual/gender diversity to your degree. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options. Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the Dean's Changemaker Challenge (ASCX 200/300).	A changareas c genera Gender Advisor and hag next ye
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 Indigenous Student Centre. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.	Look into <u>summer jobs</u> by talking to the department or Career Services about work through <u>SWEP</u> or <u>Work-Study</u> . Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Volunteer at organizations like the <u>AMS Peer Support Centre</u> .	If intere Student (USSRE) Conside QUIP in fourth y opportu Innovat (QICSI).
GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY	Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations such as the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre, Yellow House, OPRIG, Sexual Assault Centre Kingston, Pathways to Education Kingston, Dress for Success, ReelOut Film Festival, Roots and Wings Kingston, and Modern Fuel.	Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen's Advocates for Women's Global Rights. Continue volunteer and social justice work on and off campus.	Do targ working Linkedl out Car Connec worksh
GET THINKING GLOBALLY	Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office. Gender Studies offers a special exchange program at the University of Oslo.	Connec global s like QPI share k networl interna
GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	Grappling with program decisions? Go to <u>Majors</u> <u>Night</u> or get some help with career options from Career Services.	Explore careers of interest in the Career Services Resource Area. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.	Start fo Researd careers to take MCAT o

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.

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nsider applying to do a 12-16 month IP internship between your third and inth year or consider entrepreneurial portunities via programs like the Queen's ovation Connector Summer Initiative CSI).

targeted networking with alumni rking in careers of interest by joining the kedln group Queen's Connects. Check: Career Services networking workshops.

nnect with professors at events or rkshops hosted by the DSC.

nnect your academic interests to broader bal struggles and consider joining groups : QPID to collaborate with peers and ire knowledge with communities. Begin working and building relationships with ernational social justice organizations.

rt focusing on areas of interest. search education requirements for eers of interest. If needed, prepare ake any required tests (like the LSAT, AT or GMAT) and get help thinking out Grad School from Career Services.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to **Graduate School** or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take ASCX 400 and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

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Look for positions in non-profit organizations through <u>Charity Village</u>.

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 interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. 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.

Apply for the <u>Queen's Career</u> <u>Apprenticeship: Kingston (QCA:K)</u>.

What will I learn?

A degree in Gender Studies can equip you with:

- Understanding how gender is linked with experiences of race, Indigeneity, nation, sexuality, class, and ability.
- Knowledge and tools to identify and challenge structures of power and oppression.
- Skills to engage with creative texts, films, performance, and art.
- Active rather than passive responses to popular culture.
- Mixed methodologies combining the arts, social sciences, and health sciences.
- Analytical skills to form and defend positions with clarity and accuracy in diverse formats.
- Critical thinking skills to recognize and assess the assumptions behind arguments.

Where can I go?

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

- Advocacy Work and Activism
- Communication and Journalism
- Counselling
- Education
- Graduate and Professional School
- Healthcare
- Human Rights
- Labour Relations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Public Policy
- 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.

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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. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.



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are 12-16 months long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds -Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive

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