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.

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

TOP 5 Reasons to study Gender Studies

1. Embrace an intersectional approach to gender that explores and challenges racism, colonialism, (hetero)sexism, capitalism, ableism, and other systems of power.
2. Gain transferable skills for the job market: writing, critical thinking, research, public speaking, and creative production.
3. Explore how structures of power, privilege, and oppression shape current events and pop culture.
4. 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

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 asc.el@queensu.ca.


That is a degree from Queen's.

queensu.ca/gnds
Gender Studies MAJOR MAP

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

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR

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!

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 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 Human Rights Advocacy Centre, Yellow House, DPSSG, Sexual Assault Centre Kingston, Pathways to Education Kingston, Grays for Success, Yellowfjord, Roots and Wings Kingston, and Modern Fuel.

Get Thinking Globally

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QICSI (Indigenous Awareness Certificate) and research possible immigration regulations.
Speak to a QICSI 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 with career options from Career Services.
Explore careers in the Career Services Resource Area. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

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.

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 and 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.

QUiP QUEEN’S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES
in May, September, or January

POSI TIONS
are paid and full-time

WORK TERMS
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

Planning Logistics Intern
Communications & Market Research Intern
Resource Conservation Technician
Course & Program Development Intern
Technical Writer
Economic Analyst

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 to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

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