Gender Studies

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 grow throughout your time at Queen’s, from orientation to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – and beyond. We help you learn, think, and grow throughout your time at Queen’s, from orientation to graduation.

Why study in Kingston?
For over 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 a cosmopolitan feel, but a hometown feel, Kingston is a city 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.

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

We’re closer than you think

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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 how these theories/areas relate to tracing histories of oppression and privilege, engaging with popular culture, and critically analyzing everyday events. From research papers and blogs, to theatre performance and presentation, students work on meticulous research, clear and thoughtful writing, and high-quality 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.

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A degree in Gender Studies can equip you with:

- Understanding differences and the intersections between forms of oppression
- Ability to make connections between gender, race, nation, ability, sexuality and how they are affected by oppression and resistance
- Skills to 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

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. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Activism
- Communication and journalism
- Counselling
- Education
- Graduate and professional school
- Health care
- Human resources
- Labour Relations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Public Policy
- Social work
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you make a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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