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.

**ALUMNI JOBS**

Advocacy and activism  
Education  
Healthcare  
Journalism and Communications  
Research and Graduate School  
Social Work  
Equity and Inclusion Initiatives  
Counselling  
Law  
Government  
NGOs  
Politics and Policy  
Conference and Event Planning  
Human Resources  
Marketing and Public Relations.

**TOP 5 REASONS to study GENDER STUDIES**

1. Embrace an intersectional approach to gender as it connects to experiences of race, sexuality, class, nation, and ability.
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.

“Some of the most memorable times in my degree was due to the environment that Gender Studies fosters to pursue some amazing opportunities such as a self-directed study and partaking in the Feminist Legal Studies Queen’s course. These unique experiences have contributed to shaping my future path.”

-Nathalie Hunter, BAH ’20

**2020-21 major thresholds**

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OPEN PENDING LIST

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/planelection

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Gender Studies MAJOR MAP *

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

### 1ST YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - In first year you’ll have the chance to explore the foundations of Gender Studies along with some electives.

- **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.

- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations such as the Lavana Gender Advocacy Centre, Sexual Assault Centre Kingston, Pathways to Education Kingston, Dress for Success, ReelOut Film Festival and Queen's Invincibilities.

- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking the International Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
  - Speak to a QUIC 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.

### 2ND YEAR
- **DELVE DEEPER INTO THE PROGRAM**
  - Delve deeper into the Gender Studies, while considering a minor to complement your studies. Look into the Sexual and Gender Diversity Certificate program to add a specialization in sexual/gender diversity to your degree. Attend Degree in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
  - Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for extra help.

- **LOOK INTO SUMMER JOBS**
  - Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.
  - Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Volunteer at organizations like the AMS Peer Support Centre.

### 3RD YEAR
- **A CHANCE TO START GROUPING COURSES**
  - A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Gender Studies. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

- **IF INTERESTED**
  - If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USRF).
  - Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year or consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen’s Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
- **CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP**
  - Look for positions in non-profit organizations through Charity Village.
  - 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.

- **JOIN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**
  - 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.

### CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE
- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STAYING IN CANADA**
  - Can speak with an International Student Advisor.

### 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
  - 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 have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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

*This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.*
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. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

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 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.