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.

**TOP 5 REASONS to study GENDER STUDIES**

1. Education with an intersectional approach that connects gender, race, nation, sexuality, class, and ability.
2. Gain transferable skills for the job market: writing, research, public speaking, and creative production.
3. Challenge the status quo and engage in social justice work both locally and globally.
4. Make informed social and political decisions and become better citizens of society.
5. Examine how current events are shaped by oppression and privilege.

**ALUMNI JOBS**

- 11% of alumni work in **MEDIA**
- 11% of alumni work in **FAMILY SERVICES**
- 22% of alumni work in **MARKETING**
- 33% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

**ALUMNI STORY**

“Taking Gender Studies classes introduced me to a discipline that combined academics with activism, passion with purpose, and took an intersectional approach to discussing axis of identity and oppression.”

- Laura Hughes, BAH '13

**2018-19 thresholds**

1.9 cGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE

OPEN PENDING LIST

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit: QUartscl.com
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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.
- See the back page for specific courses to consider.
- Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

2ND YEAR
- Start going deeper into the discipline of Gender Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Sexual and Gender Diversity. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
- Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

3RD YEAR
- 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 — for some ideas, see the back page.

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).

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 Aboriginal 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 Gender Advocacy Centre, Chipped Off Theatre, and Queen's InvisAbilities.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Hosted by the DSC.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Inter cultural Competency 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.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
- Explore careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services library, such as The Pathfinder: How to Choose or Change Your Career. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?
A degree in Gender Studies can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
- Understand differences and the intersections between forms of oppression
- Make connections between gender, race, nation, ability, sexuality and how they are affected by oppression and resistance
- 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:
- Social work
- Public Policy
- Labour Relations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Education
- Human resources
- Communication and journalism
- Counselling
- Graduate and professional school
- Health care
- Labour Relations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Public Policy
- Methodology to compare and combine methodologies from the arts, social sciences, and health sciences

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.

C O N S I D E R A 1 2 - 1 6 M O N T H Q U I P I N T E R N S H I P

Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work Study.
- Consider applying to do a 12 to 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).
- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.
- 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.

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Sample Year by Year

**1ST YEAR**
- GNDS 120/3.0
- GNDS 125/3.0
- 24.0 units of electives

**2ND YEAR**
- GNDS 212/3.0
- GNDS 215/3.0
- 12.0 units from GNDS Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

**3RD YEAR**
- GNDS 311/3.0
- GNDS 345/3.0
- 12.0 units from GNDS at the 300 level
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

**4TH YEAR**
- 6.0 units from GNDS at the 400 level or above
- 12.0 units from GNDS, GNDS_Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: QUartsci.com/academic-calendar