

The Program

Our Program started in 1992, and was the first in Canada to offer a graduate degree in Women's Studies. Today we are one of the largest programs in women's and gender studies and feminist research in Canada and in the world. We now offer an MA and a Ph.D. in Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies to full-time and part-time students.

Our Program is fundamentally interdisciplinary in formation and practice. One of our primary goals is to develop and apply a feminist analytical perspective to teaching and research on women and gender as they intersect with sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, ability, and age. A second goal is to provide rigorous interdisciplinary training that provides students with the tools to enact social transformation in theory and praxis and enables students to conduct research and analysis both within and outside academia.

Program Fields

Cultural and Literary Studies, Performance and Fine Arts
Diaspora, Transnational, and Global Studies
Histories
Politics, Economies, and Societies
Race
Sexualities
Theories and Methods



A Sample of Alumni PhD Dissertations

(Re) Producing Nation at the Supreme Court of Canada: Identity, Memory, History and Equality in R.V. Kapp.
Caroline Hodes, 2013

Orature and Women's Film from Africa and its Diaspora
Olubunmi Oyinsan, 2011

Reproducing America: Examining Mainstream Media Narratives of four White Pregnant Women in the U.S. Nation, 2000-2006
Jennifer Musial, 2010

Canada Weighs In: Gender, Race, and the Making of "Obesity," 1945-1970.
Deborah McPhail, 2009

Sex for Work: How Policy Affects Sexual Labour, An Argument for Labour Legitimacy and Social Change
Emily van der Meulen, 2009

Surgical Imaginations Effecting Femininity, Beauty, and Loss Through the Skin
Rachel Alpha Johnston Hurst, 2009

Critical Left Legalism: Taking Feminist and Queer Legal Theorists to Court
Lara Karain, 2009

A Sample Alumni Careers

MA

Kirsten Iler, Lawyer, Toronto, Canada

Lisa Rundle, CBC Reporter and Editor, Toronto, Canada

Najmus Sadiq, United Nations Development Program, Dakha, Bangladesh

Nafisatu Jalloh, Social Inclusion and Gender Integration Expert at Millennium Challenge Coordinating Unit (MCCU), Freetown, Sierra Leone

Deborah Clipperton, Psychotherapist, Toronto, Canada

PhD

Faculty Positions at...

Brock University
Laurentian University
Memorial University
York University
Ryerson University
University of Toronto
University of British Columbia
University of Winnipeg
University of Alberta

In departments including...

Women and Gender Studies
Sociology
Human Geography
Law and Society
Health
Political Science

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to have a supervisor already when I apply?

No. Supervisory committees are formed only after you've entered the program. But, if a faculty member has already indicated willingness to act as your supervisor or a committee member, please feel free to mention this in your statement of interest.

What if I've been out of school for a while and finding academic references is difficult?

Your reference letters are meant to support your application to conduct research at an advanced academic level. Do your best to find referees who can attest to your most recent research experience, and/or professional work most relevant to Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies.

What if my last degree is in a different discipline?

Graduates with a degree in a closely-related discipline to Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies are invited to apply as long as all other admission requirements are met. Applications are read carefully, with demonstration of feminist perspectives being one of the criteria.

What do I have to include with my application?

Please visit: www.yorku.ca/gradgfw/howtoapply

Do I receive funding?

Yes. York University offers competitive funding to full-time students accepted into our graduate program. Part-time students are not eligible.



About the Graduate Program in Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies

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