



MPhil in **GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES**

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Course Overview

The course examines topics such as the position and representation of gender in society, past and present; feminisms; women's history and representation; sexualities; and intersectionality. The course is both interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary, drawing on research from across the Humanities. Students will acquire a deep understanding of the cultural contexts in which theories of gender are produced, performed and negotiated. The programme hones analytical, written and verbal communication skills, providing a solid foundation for a range of careers.

Key Features

The course allows for students to take a range of modules, in addition to the compulsory modules on gender theories, gender skills and research design. Students take an elective module in the first term and two electives in the second term. These modules range from gender in history, symbolic systems, art, literature, politics and conflict or peace-making. A third of the course involves a dissertation on a topic agreed with a supervisor.

- 3 compulsory modules; 3 electives; dissertation.
- Interdisciplinarity is a strength of the programme, with modules shared by students of M.Phil. Programmes in History, History of Art, Classics, Peace Studies, European Identities; English Literature.
- Modules ranging from gender in history, symbolic systems, art, literature, politics and conflict or peace-making.
- Dissertation on an approved topic, with the development of skills in identifying research questions, methods and argument.
- Discursive seminars with staff, peers and guest speakers.

Preferred Applicant Experience

The ideal applicant will demonstrate a capacity for critical thinking, intellectual curiosity and an ability to work across disciplines. They will have a 2.1 or equivalent degree in Humanities/Social Sciences and a demonstrable interest in gender and women's studies either from their undergraduate studies or extra-curricular activities.

Career Opportunities

Graduates have found employment in a wide range of sectors including journalism, law, education, policy work in both the Governmental and Non-Governmental sectors at national and international level, diversity and inclusion, media, social media, communications, creative industries, non-profit and social justice organizations.

Course Places	15
Course Structure	Full Time 1 Year Part Time 2 Years
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