

UNIVERSITY of
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MSc/MLitt

Gender Studies (Applied)



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WHY STUDY AN MSc/MLitt GENDER STUDIES?

The MSc/MLitt Gender Studies (Applied) at the University of Stirling aims to equip students with theoretical and practical skills in gender analysis and research.

Developed by colleagues who are passionately engaged with gender, feminist and queer issues in and outside of academia, the course will provide students with an interdisciplinary frame for the critical study of gender that, at its core, is grounded in feminist and queer theory and is further influenced by colleagues' ongoing research at the forefront of their disciplines.

This is a genuinely interdisciplinary course and, through its core modules, students will be exposed to a range of theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of gender. We give a history and a context to the development of key debates around gender and sexuality and explore commonalities and differences in the way these debates have played out in different disciplinary contexts.

At the heart of the course is a concern about how academic debate informs, is shaped by and is at times distanced from how gender 'works' in real world contexts. Students will explore these issues through seminar-based modules and will be assessed in a variety of ways, enabling them to develop and articulate a range of transferable skills.

IS AN MSc/MLitt GENDER STUDIES FOR ME?

Students come to Gender Studies from a variety of backgrounds. There is no expectation that students have prior academic training in this area, but an interest in gender, sexual identity and a range of queer and feminist issues – demonstrated through academic study, voluntary or paid work, or involvement with relevant campaigns – is an advantage.

In addition to students applying straight from undergraduate courses, we welcome applications from people who are returning to Higher Education after a period away.

Applicants who do not meet the normal requirements for entry will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are encouraged to contact the Course Director directly before application.



RESEARCH & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The MSc/MLitt in Gender Studies (Applied) offers students the opportunity to take their classroom learning and apply it in real-world contexts through the Research Placement module. We have excellent links with a range of organisations in Scotland who are committed to gender equality as part of their work in arts, culture and sport.

Placements on offer will vary from year-to-year, but we have established links with organisations that engage in research in the course of their charitable, commercial, social or cultural aims. These include: Glasgow Women's Library, Scottish Women's Aid, LEAP Sports, Scottish Queer International Film Festival, Engender, Zero Tolerance, the Women's Support Project and Glasgow City Football Club.

The academic skills aspect of the course also provides a solid grounding for anyone seeking to pursue PhD study. Students keen to pursue PhD study will be supported in developing their proposal and applying for funding.

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INFORMATION
ON COURSE
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OUT MORE
ABOUT FUNDING
OPPORTUNITIES AT:

[stir.ac.uk/
scholarships](http://stir.ac.uk/scholarships)

"The MSc was exactly what I had been looking for – interdisciplinary, challenging and engaged with fascinating and very timely issues. I developed an excellent grounding in both gender studies and the research methods that enabled me to move into a new job as an equalities Research Officer in the Scottish Government."

GILLIAN ACHURCH
Gender Studies Graduate

"This is an exciting and innovative course. It's also a crucial time in the development of women's soccer in Scotland and, as the top team in the country, we're delighted to be able to offer research placements to Gender Studies Students."

LAURA MONTGOMERY
Club Manager, Glasgow City FC

Five Reasons

YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE



1

You will be taught by experienced and committed staff, teaching in a field they are passionate about.

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You will have the opportunity to apply your knowledge and skills in a real-world setting.

2

You will have one-to-one supervision from staff engaged in ongoing research at the forefront of their disciplines.

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You can join activities organised by the Faculty's Gender Studies Research Group and meet staff and fellow postgraduates in the Feminist Reading Group.

3

You will engage with debates from a wide variety of different disciplines and work with unique materials in feminist archival collections.



COURSE OVERVIEW

All core modules are delivered on the same day and there is a high degree of flexibility over optional modules to allow both full-time and part-time students to work around other commitments.

MODULES

Semester 1: All students take core modules in Understanding Gender and Researching Gender. MSc students additionally take Quantitative Data Analysis while MLitt students take an optional module. Options may include: Masculinities in the #metoo Era; Gender and the Gothic and Public Affairs and Advocacy, but please check our website for the most up-to date offerings.

Semester 2: All students take Key Feminist Thinkers in the second semester and MSc students take a module in Qualitative Data Analysis. MLitt students then take two optional

modules and MSc students take one. Queer Studies in Dark Times, Advanced Readings in Gender Studies and the Research Placement are usually offered annually and give students an opportunity to pursue advanced study in a specialist area of their choice.

Additional options may include:

Criminalisation, Social Control and Human Rights; Managing and Developing a Diverse Workforce; Politics and Law in Global Policy Spaces; and Communication and Democracy.

Dissertation

The MSc/MLitt also involves researching and writing a 15,000-word dissertation, on a theme of your choice. The dissertation is researched and written over the summer months under the supervision of a subject specialist. Given the wide range of specialisms within the course team, we are able to offer supervision across a variety of disciplines and using a range of approaches.

KEY TEACHING STAFF

The course team includes colleagues with research and teaching specialisms in Film and Media, Management, Public Relations, Politics, English Literature, Hispanic Studies, French, Social Policy, Criminology and Religion. All colleagues contributing to the course are involved in ongoing research within the broad fields of Gender Studies, Feminist Studies and Queer Studies.

University courses, services and procedures are continually reviewed, enhanced and revised, and this may result in some changes between the time of publication and the date when the student enters the University. Where any changes will affect an applicant, the University will keep the applicant fully informed.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class Honours degree (2.1 preferred) or equivalent is normally required. Applicants without these formal qualifications but with significant relevant experience are encouraged to apply.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of proficiency such as a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6 in any individual test.

TUITION FEES & FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at: stir.ac.uk/11

For Scottish students and EU domiciled students, this course is currently approved for PTFL (Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan) funding from SAAS. For more information, please visit: saas.gov.uk

You can find up to date financial information and funding opportunities here: stir.ac.uk/scholarships

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