

MSc in GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Introduction

This programme has been designed to:

1. Improve the quality of gender-based analysis in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors;
2. Demonstrate the breadth of the field of gender studies, its history of thought and development, its research methods and its applications to the Caribbean situation;
3. Provide senior professionals with a range of modern techniques and an enhanced capacity to address developmental issues in a globalizing world;
4. Strengthen and improve the pool of academic institutions that train or teach women's/gender and development studies at different levels;
5. Inculcate attitudes essential for life-long learning and professional problem-solving among graduates;
6. Develop a cadre of well-trained gender specialists;
7. Facilitate gender-based research and publication in diverse subject areas; and
8. Expose students to the importance of appreciating difference vis à vis gender and other social categories of analysis.

Entry Requirements

Applicants should have a first degree with at least Lower 2nd Class Honours. Preference will be given to students with some prior training in Gender Studies. This could include the UWI Minor in Gender and Development or Gender Studies or its equivalent, or at least three (3) relevant qualifying courses chosen from the following:

GEND 2201	Women's Studies I: An Introduction to Feminist Theories
GEND 2202	Women's Studies II: Women and Development in The Caribbean
GEND 3701/02	Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean Theoretical Perspectives or Contemporary Issues
GEND 2002	Gender in Caribbean Culture II
GEND 2015	Gender, Sexuality and Race in the Caribbean
GEND 2501	Women Leadership and Change in Developing Countries
GEND 2005	Crimes by and Against Women - Theories, Evidence and Popular Portrayals
GEND 3705	Gender and Sexuality
GEND 3703	Feminist Critiques of Gender and Development
HIST 3003	Gender in Caribbean History
PHIL 3500	Philosophy and Gender
LAW 3260	Gender and Law
PSYC 2017	Gender and Psychology

Students holding the Postgraduate Diploma in Gender and Development Studies will be considered for entry to the MSc programme.

Objectives

On completion of this programme students will be able to:

- Develop gender-analysis models that meet the specific needs of different sectors;
- Provide technical expertise in rectifying gender inequality or gaps in programming;
- Teach, train and promote research in gender and development in order to build human capacity in the area;
- Assess, implement and monitor gender-related projects and strengthen inter-sectoral links;
- Produce and disseminate research and publications that advance gender mainstreaming in the Caribbean.

Programme Structure/Course of Study

Candidates are required to complete thirty-five credits (35), consisting of 5 compulsory core courses (19 credits), 2 elective courses (8 credits), 1 research paper or internship project supervised by a gender specialist (15,000 - 20,000 words, 8 credits). In addition all students will be required to present 1 not-for-credit research seminar.

Research Seminar

The research seminar offers postgraduate students an opportunity to work together to explore the essential questions of identifying and defining research problems and addresses the fundamental intellectual, conceptual, and methodological issues at stake in research design. Staff and postgraduate students will examine and analyze appropriate theoretical frameworks that can inform this exercise. These seminars therefore provide an excellent setting to allow students to engage in the process of conceptualising and outlining the essential elements involved in the research process as well as sharpen their critical and analytical thinking skills in relation to gender and development concerns.

MSc students must make presentations at one (1) research seminar and through their engagement in the seminar will be guided on how to further clarify all elements of the research proposal submitted as a requirement of the two research courses that comprise the MSc course offerings.

Duration

This programme is expected to be completed in 12-18 months full-time or 24 months part-time.

LIST OF COURSES

Core Courses

GEND 6100	Contemporary Feminist Theorizing (4 credits)
GEND 6720	Feminist Methodology & Epistemology (4 credits)
GEND 6710	Issues in Caribbean Feminism and Gender Relations (3 credits)
GEND 6103	Gender Analysis for Development, Policy and Planning (4 credits)
GEND 6104	Sexualities, Bodies and Power in Society (4 credits)

Electives (Note that all electives are not offered every semester)

GEND 6105	Key Issues in Gender and Transformation in the Caribbean
GEND 6601	Key Theories & Debates in Gender & Development

GEND 6102	Data Collection and Analysis: A Gendered Approach
GEND 6402	Gender & Political Mobilisation & Activism
GEND 6202	Gender and Globalization
GEND 6604	Gender and Human Rights
GEND 6605	Regulating Sexual Citizenship in 'Postcolonial' Nations

Other approved electives (Note that all electives are not offered every semester)

CLTR 6270	Under Western Eyes: Rethinking Cultural Hegemony in Caribbean Gender Relations
LITS 6201	Women's Writing and Feminist Theory
LITS 6202	Women, Fiction and Gender

With the approval of their Programme Coordinator, students may select any other approved postgraduate course or reading course relevant to their research area.