

MPhil/PhD in GENDER & DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Introduction

Research degrees are useful mechanisms for deepening the academic discourse in this relatively new field and generating a body of scholarly and applied knowledge. More importantly the research output makes critical contributions to teaching and policy making in related fields.

This programme has been designed to:

1. Create a cadre of scholars and experts in GDS in the Caribbean;
2. Develop a body of research contributing to the larger body of Caribbean knowledge and policy making; and to feminist theorizing internationally;
3. Develop and promote research materials and data bases for the study of key aspects of Gender in Caribbean societies; and
4. Foster knowledge and understanding about relations of gender within the Caribbean and beyond.

Objectives

On completion of this programme students will be able to:

- Stimulate academic discourse and promote an understanding of gender issues in Caribbean societies;
- Share their knowledge and expertise in GDS in order to advance scholarship, policy and training in the area;
- Engage in graduate teaching and research.

Entry Requirements

MPhil

The MPhil is normally offered to students who have obtained at least an Upper Second Class (Honours) undergraduate degree or equivalent. Students with undergraduate degrees but who have no prior related training will need to fulfill the Institute's requirements of at least 9 credits as identified **prior to admission to the programme**.

These qualifying courses are to be selected from:

1. GEND 2201 Introduction to Women's Studies I *or*
GEND 2201 Women's Studies II: Women and Development in the Caribbean
2. GEND 3701 Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Theoretical Perspectives *or*
GEND 3702 Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Contemporary Issues *or*
Gender Analysis and Theories of Development: Implications for Policy and Planning *or*
Gender and Caribbean Economic Relations *or*
Qualitative Research Methods
3. SOCI 2007 Survey Design and Analysis (**Mona Campus**) *or*
MGMT 8005 Philosophy of Science (**Mona Campus**) *or*
other relevant course on research methods

Persons who do not meet all of the requirements but who have a strong proficiency for research and a sound

understanding of research methodology will be considered for entry on a case-by-case basis.

PhD

The requirement for entry into this programme is a postgraduate degree. With the exception of holders of MPhil Degrees from recognized universities, candidates are normally required to register for the MPhil Degree in the first instance and will only be upgraded to the doctoral level if progress is satisfactory and the requirements of an Upgrade Assessment Committee are met. Persons without a strong background in Gender Studies may be required to take relevant postgraduate level courses.

UWI graduates in possession of the MA degree by coursework and/or the MPhil degree in the discipline in which the average course work mark is 60% or higher, will be accepted to register for the PhD degree.

The following may qualify applicants for admission to the PhD degree in Gender and Development Studies:

- MSc. Gender and Development (UWI)
- MPhil Development Studies (Specialization, Gender and Development) UWI or equivalent
- MPhil Political Science or Sociology
- MSc/MPhil Gender Studies/Women's Studies/Men's Studies/Masculinity Studies
- MA Cultural Studies
- MA Heritage Studies
- MA History
- Any other relevant graduate field such as, but not limited to Economics, Business, Social Work, Theology, Natural Sciences

Students with no prior training in Gender Studies/Women's Studies/Men's Studies/Masculinity Studies would need to fulfill the Institute's requirements.

Availability of Expertise and Resources

Admission is contingent upon whether candidates have a thesis proposal compatible with the expertise and resources available in the Institute for Gender & Development Studies.

Areas of Study

Major research interests of current staff members are:-

Dr. Charmaine Crawford holds a PhD in Women's Studies from York University (Canada). Her research areas include:

- Feminist theorizing;
- Sexuality studies;
- Transnational motherhood;
- Gender;
- Labour and globalization;
- Migration and diaspora;
- Caribbean domestic workers; and
- Gender and sexuality in the Caribbean.

Dr. Halimah DeShong holds a PhD in Sociology of Gender and Violence from The University of Manchester (UK). Her research and teaching interests include:

- The sociology of gender and violence;
- Feminist criminology;
- Feminist epistemologies and methodologies;
- Caribbean men and masculinity/ies; and
- Gender and culture.

Dr. Tonya Haynes holds a PhD in Gender and Development Studies from The University of the West Indies. Her research and teaching interests include:

- Feminist theorizing;
- Caribbean Feminist Thought;
- Digital Cultures and the Posthuman; and
- Gender and Development and Sexuality Studies.

Programme Structure/Course of study

Students in the MPhil and PhD degree programmes are required to successfully:

1. Complete six (6) credits of coursework for MPhil or nine (9) credits of coursework for PhD,
2. Present seminars (2 for MPhil/3 for PhD), and
3. Submit a thesis.

Note that where it is deemed necessary, a candidate may also be required to undertake and pass courses recommended by the Institute.

Compulsory Seminar Presentations

For each seminar, candidates are required to present their up to date research or a research topic arising out of the candidate's research. Candidates will field questions put to them afterwards. When possible, the audience should also include the candidate's supervisor and thesis supervisory committee members.

Thesis

Candidates are required to present and defend a Thesis of acceptable scope and quality for the degree. The Thesis must follow the guidelines set out in the University's Thesis guide.

Award of the Degree

The successful completion of the required coursework, the compulsory Seminar presentations and the Thesis will lead to the award of the Degree.

LIST OF COURSES

Available courses (note that every course is NOT offered every semester)

Compulsory for all students depending on their programme

GRSM 6000 MPhil Research Seminar 1

GRSM 6001 MPhil Research Seminar 2

GEND 6700 Advanced Feminist Theory (6 credits)

GEND 6710 Issues in Caribbean Feminism and Gender Relations (3 credits)

GEND 6720 Feminist Methodology and Epistemology (4 credits)

GEND 6900 MPhil Gender Thesis

GRSM 8001 PhD Research Seminar 1

GRSM 8002 PhD Research Seminar 2

GRSM 8003 PhD Research Seminar 3

GEND 8000 PhD Gender Thesis