

## MASTER OF ARTS IN **WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES**



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“Pursuing engaged, critical feminist research from diverse perspectives.”

### **SHAPE YOUR FUTURE BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Our Master of Arts program, offered by the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies, offers expertise in understanding the complexities of gender. Our students have an opportunity to work with dynamic faculty members who place social inequality struggles and strategies for change at the forefront of curriculum and research. Within a globalization, transnational, and intersectional framework, students can explore issues relating to social justice, violence, human rights, popular culture and digital media, sexuality, the body, in cross-cultural, political, economic, social and policy settings. Core learning objectives of our program include: transnational feminist scholarship, critical research and thinking skills, inter-disciplinarity, and grounded knowledge.

A collaborative specialization in African Studies is also available.

### **RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

- Transnational feminisms
- Gender and cultural production
- Gender and diversity
- Gender and social policy
- Gendered violence

### **CAPITAL ADVANTAGE**

The National Capital is an ideal place to study. Within the broader community, students have access to non-governmental organizations with offices in Ottawa, feminist grassroots organizations, unions, government agencies and crown corporations (for example, the Canadian International Development Agency, the International Development Research Centre, Health Canada, Corrections and the Department of Justice) and private sector agencies. The Pauline Jewett Institute has well established links with community organizations and other post-secondary institutions. Our successful partnerships and collaboration with these groups and agencies allow students to benefit both research and career-wise from the advantage of our location in Canada's capital.

Graduates of our program can look for careers in labour relations, community service, law, education, media, as well as in government agencies and the private sector. The feminist transnational focus is particularly important for graduates seeking work in international settings. Many of our alumni have gone on to pursue higher education in various disciplines.

“The pro-seminar was one of my favourite elements of the MA program because of the exciting experience of starting a large-scale project for the first time.”

— Zahira Sarwar, MA/14

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants with a BA honours degree in Women's and Gender Studies or who have completed a BA honours degree with a significant number of gender-related courses from disciplines including (but not limited to) Sociology, History, English, Philosophy, Anthropology, Canadian Studies and Political Science will be considered for admission to the program. Typically, an average of B+ or higher is required.

Applicants without the requisite background may be required to take 1.0 credits in addition to their other MA program requirements. This normally includes WGST 5003 and one-half credit at the fourth-year undergraduate level in WGST courses or in an approved elective.

We also offer a qualifying year for applicants who have a three-year degree with a Women's and Gender Studies major, minor or a degree in a related discipline with a minimum average of B+. Upon completion of this program, we will then determine your eligibility for the Master's program.

Specific program requirements can be found in the Graduate Calendar online at: [calendar.carleton.ca/grad](http://calendar.carleton.ca/grad).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPLICATION & DEADLINES

For more information about our program, please visit this website: [carleton.ca/womensstudies](http://carleton.ca/womensstudies).

Details about how to apply are available here: [graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online](http://graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online).

You can access an online application at this website: [graduate.carleton.ca/applynow](http://graduate.carleton.ca/applynow).

All applicants must submit their completed application by **February 1, to be considered for funding**. Applicants who apply after this date may be considered for funding, if funding is still available.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

You need to provide the following documents:

- Two letters of reference
- A one-page Statement of Intent (Research Interest)
- Resumé/CV
- A copy of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended.
- If applicable, a copy of your English-language test results

*Note: Official documents (transcripts, test scores) will be required if you are accepted into our program.*



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## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

For admission into Carleton's graduate programs, you will need to demonstrate that your knowledge and use of English are strong enough for graduate studies at an English-language university. For a listing of our minimum English-language requirements, please visit our website at: [graduate.carleton.ca/international](http://graduate.carleton.ca/international).

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Generous funding is available in the form of teaching/research assistantships and scholarships based on academic excellence. We encourage students to compete for scholarships such as the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) or from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). For additional information on scholarships visit: [graduate.carleton.ca/financial-assistance](http://graduate.carleton.ca/financial-assistance).

“A Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies strengthens one's critical thinking skills and fosters practical skills for applying feminist theory in our communities.”

— Kathleen Kuracina, MA/13



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