

Introduction

The Post-graduate Diploma leading to a MA in Gender and Women's Studies builds on the former PgD/MA in Women's Studies which was conducted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies for over ten years. The combination of Gender and Women's Studies recognizes the inception and history of feminist theory and women's studies while also incorporating the current developments in the academic field of gender studies.

The PGD/MA in Gender and Women's Studies is an inter-disciplinary degree course designed to give advanced grounding in feminist theory and methodology taught through the discussion of contemporary social issues and their application in local, regional, and international contexts. It links theoretical advances in the field of gender studies to practice in fields such as gender and international development, social policy and planning, sexual and reproductive health, international relations and law, and media analysis. The programme will draw from a wide range of perspectives and consider diverse analytical tools for the analysis and theorization of social policy, international development, and globalization, as well as culture, identity, and sexuality from a uniquely gendered perspective.

Candidates who successfully complete the Diploma (PGDWS) are eligible to apply for registration to the MA programme (M.GWS). They would be offered the opportunity of converting their Diploma to a Masters and will not be entitled to both a diploma and a Master's degree.

Objectives

The course aims are to enable students to:

- ◆ Become familiar with the genealogy of feminist theory and develop a critical appreciation of different theories of gender
- ◆ Critically engage with contemporary debates in international development, social policy and planning, the law, politics, culture, and the media through the application of feminist theory.
- ◆ To develop their critical thinking skills to examine and evaluate Sri Lankan laws, policies and programmes.

- ◆ Use feminist theory to inform the analysis of existing work in their disciplinary areas and in an inter-disciplinary context, as well as in their line of work
- ◆ To embark on pertinent research studies, with a specific focus on Sri Lanka, to make an original contribution on knowledge in the field
- ◆ To infuse new thinking and action in their own organizations, in collaboration with their colleagues, to address issues related to 'women' and 'gender' in Sri Lankan society.

Admissions criteria for the above programmes

- **Degree from a recognized university/ Institution in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of the postgraduate diploma.**

OR

- **Any other Degree/ with one years' work experience relevant to the subject matter of the postgraduate diploma.**

OR

- **Professional qualification from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Faculty Board of the FGS with one years' work experience relevant to the subject matter of the postgraduate diploma.**

OR

- **Any other Diploma from a recognized University/ Institution or an equivalent qualification so recognized by the FGS with three years' work experience relevant to the subject matter of the postgraduate diploma.**

OR

- **Minimum of eight years sustained work experience relevant to the field of study in recognized institutions or work places with strong recommendation on the capacity of the candidate to undertake the programme from the Head of the institution where the candidate works which is considered on case by case basis by the FGS on the recommendation of the relevant Board of Study and the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.**

AND

- **Perform satisfactorily at an examination and/or an interview to be conducted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.**

AND

- **Have a good working knowledge of English**

Structure

The one year post-graduate Diploma will constitute:

- ◆ 07 Compulsory taught courses
- ◆ Academic Writing Workshops
- ◆ Extended Essay (10,000 words)

The two-year Masters will constitute the credits from the post-graduate diploma course work, **AND**

- ◆ Research Methods II—compulsory taught course focusing on the application of research methods to the dissertation
- ◆ An advanced seminar
- ◆ Dissertation (25,000 - 30,000 words)

Course Titles

PgD.GWS

- 5101 - Introduction to Feminism: History, Concepts, and Theories
- 5102 - Gender, Development, and the Economy
- 5103 - Health, Sexuality, and Gendered Bodies
- 5201 - Research Methodologies I : 'Gender, Knowledge, and Research'
- 5202 - Gender, Culture, and Representation
- 5203 - Feminist Legal Theory and Practice
- 5204 - Women and Management: Gender and the Workplace
- 5205 - Extended Essay - 10,000 words

M.GWS

- 6101 - Research Methodologies II
- 6102 - Seminar: Debates in Contemporary Feminism and Advanced topics in Comparative Perspective
- 6103 - Dissertation— 25,000-30,000 words

Students who proceed to the MA in their second academic year shall participate in and give at least two seminar presentations on his/her research under supervision, and submit a dissertation based on original research.

The diploma will be temporarily withheld from any student, who, given the opportunity, opts to join M.GWS. A candidate who either fails to complete the M.GWS programme or wishes to withdraw from the programme at any stage is entitled to do so and apply at that point for the Diploma certificate.

Faculty

Dean / Faculty of Graduate studies

Professor Nayani Melegoda , Ph.D. (Leeds-UK)

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Information

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Duration of PgD.WS : 12 months

Date & Time :

Thursday, Friday - 5.30 p.m.-7.30 p.m.

Saturday - 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Medium : English

Fees

Local Students

PgD.GWS

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| Application Fee | Rs. | 2,000/- |
| Registration Fee | Rs. | 5,000/- |
| Course Fee | Rs. | 125,000/- |
| Library Fee | Rs. | 1,500/- |
| Refundable Library Deposit (Optional) (per card) | Rs. | 2,500/- |
| Examination Fee | Rs. | 12,000/- |

M.GWS

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| Registration Fee | Rs. | 5,000/- |
| Library Fee | Rs. | 1,500/- |
| Course Fee | Rs. | 100,000/- |
| Examination Fee | Rs. | 12,000/- |

Foreign Students

Post Graduate Diploma

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| Course fee - SAARC Countries | \$ 2706 |
| Non SAARC Countries | \$ 5414 |

Masters

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| Course fee - SAARC Countries | \$ 2857 |
| Non SAARC Countries | \$ 5714 |



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