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Course Fees

	LOCAL STUDENTS	FOREIGN STUDENTS
APPLICATION FEE		
Application Fee	LKR 3,000/=	40 USD
PROGRAMME FEE		
Registration Fee	LKR 5,000/=	65 USD
Course Fee	LKR 179,500/=	2,840 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 14,000/=	175 USD
OPTIONAL		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	
TOTAL FEE Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	LKR 200,000/=	3,100 USD

 **Duration**
One Year

 **Commencement**
October 2026

 **During**
Saturdays

 **Medium**
English

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Application
Deadline:
24th
July 2026

**APPLY
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**MASTER OF
GENDER & WOMEN'S
STUDIES**
(MGWS) 2026/27

SLQF LEVEL 09 (30 Credits)



Introduction

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Target Groups

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Admission Requirements

- ✔ Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/ Institution in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of Gender and Women's Studies; **OR**
 - ✔ Any other Bachelor's degree, with prior learning/ work experience relevant to the subject matter/s of Gender and Women's Studies; **OR**
 - ✔ A Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF 8) from a recognized University/ Institution or an equal qualification acceptable to the Board of Graduate Studies and Senate of the University of Colombo with prior learning/ work experience in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of Gender and Women's Studies; **OR**
 - ✔ A Professional qualification from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Board of Graduate Studies and Senate of University of Colombo with prior learning/ work experience in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of Gender and Women's Studies; **OR**
 - ✔ Completion of NVQ level 7 (equivalent to Bachelors degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of Gender and Women's Studies as determined by the Board of Graduate Studies and Senate of the University of Colombo;
- AND**
- ✔ A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test/ selection interview.

Objectives / Learning Outcomes

- ✔ Be knowledgeable on the genealogy of feminist theory and the different theories and concepts of gender and women's studies.
- ✔ Be a critical thinker in engaging and examining contemporary debates in international development, social policy and planning, law, politics, media and climate governance.
- ✔ Be able to evaluate the Sri Lankan laws, policies and practices pertaining to gender equality.
- ✔ Be a professional who is empathetic and ethical in their line of work and infuse new thinking and action in addressing issues related to women and gender in Sri Lankan society.

How to Apply

Applications can be downloaded from the faculty website (fgs.cmb.ac.lk). Duly completed application form, certified copies of National Identity Card, birth certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications, and work experience (if any) along with a scanned copy of the payment slip (of application processing fee) should be submitted via Apply Online weblink. (All above documents should be submitted as one PDF document.) Application fee **LKR 3000 (Local students) or 40 USD (Foreign students) (non-refundable)** can be paid using the code **318190600008** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk),

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AND

Completed application form and the photocopies of above mentioned original certified documents along with the payment slip should also be sent through the registered post to reach the Deputy Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, No 35/30. Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07. Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope.

Apply on or before **24th July 2026**.

Structure of the Programme

Semester I

- MGWS 6131 - Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
- MGWS 6132 - Gender, Women and Law
- MGWS 6133 - Gender, Power and Representation
- MGWS 6144 - Research Methods in Gender and Women Studies

Semester II

- MGWS 6235 - Health, Sexuality and Gendered Bodies
- MGWS 6236 - Gender, Development and the Economy
- MGWS 6237 - Gender and Climate Change
- MGWS 6288 - Independent Study (Guided)