

The diploma will be temporarily withheld from any student, who, given the opportunity, opts to join MGWS. A candidate who either fails to complete the MGWS 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.

Duration of PgDGWS : 12 months

Date & Time :

Thursday, Friday - 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Saturday - 9.00 am to 11.00am

Medium : English

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Fees

PgDGWS

Application Fee	Rs.	3,000/-
Registration Fee	Rs.	5,000/-
Course Fee	Rs.	125,000/-
Library Fee	Rs.	1,500/-
Refundable Library Deposit (Optional) (per card)	Rs.	5,000/-
Examination Fee	Rs.	12,000/-

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How to Apply

Application forms and other information can be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, Colombo 03 or they can be download from fgs.cmb.ac.lk

The completed application form with payment slip should be scanned and email to the FGS (fgs.pgdgws@gmail.com) and also sent by registered post to Senior Assistant Registrar, FGS, No: 35/30, Professor Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07.

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**UNIVERSITY OF
COLOMBO**

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

IN

**GENDER & WOMEN'S
STUDIES**

(PgDGWS)

MASTERS

IN

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(MGWS)

(2022/2023)

Introduction

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. Motivated by the quest for social justice, the focus on feminist inquiry provides a wide range of perspectives on social, cultural, economic, and political phenomena, specifically in the way gendered identities, gender relations, gender roles, and gender stereotypes shape values and beliefs and perpetuate gender inequality.

The programme 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 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.

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 to address issues related to 'women' and 'gender' in Sri Lankan society

Admissions criteria for the above Programmes

- ◆ A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university/ Institution in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of PGDGWS; or
- ◆ Any other Bachelor's degree / with one years' work experience relevant to the subject matter of PGDGWS; or
- ◆ Professional qualification or an equivalent qualification from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University with one years' work experience in the field of PGDGWS, or
- ◆ Any other Higher Diploma from a recognized University/ Institution or an equivalent qualification so recognized by the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University of Colombo with three years' work experience in the field of PGDGWS; or
- ◆ Minimum of eight years sustained work experience relevant to the field of study in recognized institutions or work place with strong recommendation on the capacity of the candidate to undertake the programme from the Head of the institution where the candidate works. Each application under this clause shall be considered on its merit.
- ◆ Satisfactory performance at a selection test and/or selection interview; and
- ◆ A good knowledge of English language.

Structure

The one year post-graduate Diploma will constitute:

- ◆ Six core courses
- ◆ Academic Writing Workshops
- ◆ Independent Study (8,000 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 research proposal and dissertation
- ◆ An advanced seminar
- ◆ Dissertation (30,000 words)

Course Titles

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- 5101 - Introduction to Feminism: History, Concepts, and Theories
- 5102 - Gender, Development, and the Economy
- 5103 - Research Methodologies I : 'Gender, Knowledge, and Research'
- 5201 - Health, Sexuality, and Gendered Bodies
- 5202 - Gender, Culture, and Representation
- 5203 - Feminist Legal Theory and Practice
- 5204 - Academic Writing Workshops
- 5205 - Independent Study - 8,000 words

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- 6101 - Research Methodologies II: Research Project Seminars
- 6102 - Seminar: Debates in Contemporary Feminist Research
- 6201 - Dissertation— 30,000 words

Candidates who successfully complete the Diploma (PGDGWS) are eligible to apply for registration to the MA programme (MGWS). 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.