

MASTER OF ARTS IN GENDER STUDIES

Introduction

The programme introduces key concepts in the analysis of gender relations in different political, economic and cultural contexts. It explores how gender relations are affected by socio-economic and political change especially in population, reproduction, health, education, family and kinship, rural and urban society, employment, income generation and resource distribution. On completion of the MA course, candidates are in position to disseminate new scholarship on women and to stimulate critical approaches to established knowledge, strengthen their self-image, develop their critical skills and creative potential and become advocates for increased opportunities for all women.

Short-Term Objectives

- To provide a course of study leading to the award of a Master of Arts in Gender Studies.
- To promote staff development within the University.
- To contribute to the intellectual development of the study on Gender and Development from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- To train a pool of researchers who will generate data and publishable information on gender.
- To conduct research and establish a Documentation Unit on Gender and Development.

Long-Term Objectives

1. To train cadres of various backgrounds who will serve in different ministries, departments, institutions, non-governmental organisations and international missions, and who will facilitate the integration of women into positions of higher decision-making and influence policy decisions on gender issues.
2. To revitalise University education bringing it closer to burning social issues to work towards their solution and to produce gender sensitive persons who are able to play more committed and meaningful roles in development activities.

3. To update University curricula by incorporating the results of new scholarship and the issues raised as they challenge some of the established theories, concepts and techniques and research methodologies.
4. To focus research in socially relevant areas and to push forward the frontiers of knowledge through critical examination of existing concepts and theories, analytical tools, and techniques, that have been responsible for under-representing women in the field of scientific investigation, and to generate data which is essential for evaluation and correction of bibliographic of published and unpublished materials on gender.
5. To promote increased understanding of human rights.
6. To contribute to the global and national debate on the gender question by linking scholars, activists, social workers, non-governmental organisations, international concerns and grassroots women for the promotion of women in development activities and programmes.

Programme Structure

The MA students come from varied backgrounds, and the curriculum is a comprehensive package to ensure a basic framework through which students of Gender and Women studies acquire relevant knowledge and skills. Overlapping areas have been eliminated and existing gaps filled (e.g. the introduction of CWS 603 which is basic for understanding the position of an African woman in society).

Programme Activities

- (i) The MA.. Gender Studies programme
- (ii) Research
- (iii) The Documentation Unit
- (iv) Seminars, Workshops and Public Lectures

Year I: Semester I Core (Compulsory) Courses		CU
GWS 7100	Introduction to women and Gender Studies	3
GWS 7101	Theoretical Perspectives in Gender and Development	2

GWS 7102	Gender and Economics of Developing Countries	3
GWS 7103	Research Methodology I	2
GWS 7204	Gender, the State and Public Policy	3
GWS 7205	Gender and Development Management	2
Semester II Core (Compulsory) Courses		
GWS 7206	Research Methodology II	3
GWS 7207	Gender, Institutional and Social Transformation	3
GWS 7208	Gender, Law and Human Rights	3
GWS 7209	Gendered Identities and Social Representation	3
	Total	11
Elective Courses (select 2 from the following)		
GWS 7210	Gender, Conflict and Displacement	2
GWS 611	Gender, Science and Technology	2

GWS 612	Women in Situations of Armed Conflict	2
GWS 613	Counselling Women and Girls	2
GWS 614	The International Women's Movement	2
GWS 615	Advanced Feminist Research	2
	Total	12
Year II : Semester I & II		
GWS 8100	Research and Dissertation	2
Year II: Semester II		
GWS 616	Research and Writing of Dissertation	6

NOTE: *Since this is a Masters programme, students will be required to do extensive individual reading and private study. Introduction to Computing will be taught from the beginning but it is not examinable.*

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SECTOR PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

General Objective

The programme is intended to produce highly-trained competent administrators, researchers, policy analysts and programme managers in the social development sector with a view to enhancing human development within the overall context of strategic national development drives.

Specific Objectives

1. To provide opportunities for advanced educational and professional training in social sector planning and management.
2. To impart skills, knowledge, values and experiences that are critical for the planning and management of social development.
3. To promote scholarly inquiry into human conditions, problems and needs on one hand, and policies, programmes and services on the other hand for the purpose of enhancing the social and economic well-being of the ordinary population.
4. To encourage interaction and consultations among social development scholars, practitioners, local communities

and agencies that seek to promote social policies, programmes and human welfare.

5. To promote capacity building in the department of Social Work and Social Administration.

Programme Structure

This shall be a full-time study programme and it runs on a semester system for two (2) years (4 semesters) organised as follows:

Year I

Semester I

Two compulsory courses, plus two optional courses are to be taken either from the Social Work concentration or the Social Administration concentration.

(a) Compulsory courses		CU
SSP 7101	Social Dimensions of Development	4
SSP 7102	Social Policy analysis	4
(b) Optional courses for Social Work concentration		
SSP 7106	Theories and Methods of Social Work	4