

Gender Institute

MSc Gender Studies 2025/26

We are delighted to advise you that our MSc Gender Studies with six pathways in Global Futures, History, History and Socio-Legal Studies, International Relations, Philosophy, and Politics is open for applications for 2025/26 entry together with the rest of the College's postgraduate offering. The pathways may be found on the Royal Holloway [Course Finder](#), and online applications are now open.

This course aims to provide students with a strong understanding of what gender is, how it has been conceptualised, operationalised, applied and empirically studied. It enables students to grasp how gender inequality, power relations and power structures are (re)constituted within and across academic disciplines and in a wide variety of contexts (at international, regional, national, and local levels), as well as institutionally, socially and politically, and across time and space.

Core modules undertaken in Terms 1 and 2

- Gender Theory
- Methods and Methodologies for Gender Studies
- Practices of Gender/Gendered Research
- Gender Studies Dissertation
- Academic Integrity

Pathway description and indicative optional modules

[MSc Gender Studies and Global Futures](#)

You will choose one module from the three Gender Studies electives:

- GS5401 Body and Embodiment,
- GS5402 Gender, Power and Protest,
- GS5403 Gender and Technologies (any two will run in any one year)

and 60 credits from the optional modules offered by the Department of Geography. Indicative modules offered by the Department of Geography include: Key Concepts in Justice; Development & Sustainability; Advanced Methods for Social Science; Global Futures; Advanced Methods for Global Futures.

[MSc Gender Studies and History](#)

You will choose one module from the three Gender Studies electives

- GS5401 Body and Embodiment,
- GS5402 Gender, Power and Protest,
- GS5403 Gender and Technologies (any two will run in any one year)

and 60 credits from optional modules offered by the Department of History. Indicative modules offered by the Department of History might include: Breaking Waves, Feminism in Britain, c. 1860-Present; Fairy Tales: Narrating Queer Gender and Sexuality in the Twentieth Century; Women, the Crusades and the Frontier Society of Medieval Christendom; Gendering the Modern Islamic World, New Imperial Histories; and Gender, Justice and Emotion in Georgian Britain.

[MSc Gender Studies, History and Socio-Legal Studies](#)

You will choose 15 credits/one module from the three Gender Studies electives

- GS5401 Body and Embodiment,
- GS5402 Gender, Power and Protest,
- GS5403 Gender and Technologies (any two will run in any one year),

30 credits from optional modules offered by the Department of History, and 30 credits from optional modules offered by Law and Criminology. Indicative modules offered by the Department of History would include: Breaking Waves: Feminism in Britain, c. 1860-Present; Fairy Tales: Narrating Queer Gender and Sexuality in the Twentieth Century; Women, the Crusades and the Frontier Society of Medieval Christendom; Gendering the Modern Islamic World; New Imperial Histories; and Gender, Justice and Emotion in Georgian Britain. Indicative modules offered by the Law and Criminology Department include

Gender, Sexuality and Crime, Interpersonal Violence and Harm; Contemporary Debates and Sex Work; Gender, Equality and Human Rights Law.

MSc Gender Studies and International Relations

You will choose 15 credits/one module from the three Gender Studies electives

- GS5401 Body and Embodiment,
- GS5402 Gender, Power and Protest,
- GS5403 Gender and Technologies (any two will run in any one year)

and 60 credits from International Relations themed optional modules offered by the Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy (PIRP). Indicative modules offered by PIRP include Analysing International Politics; International Security; Political Concepts; Gender and Global Politics; Gender and Nationalism in the Middle East and South Asia; Advanced Quantitative Method; Advanced Qualitative Methods.

MSc Gender Studies and Politics

You will choose 15 credits/one module from the three Gender Studies electives

- GS5401 Body and Embodiment,
- GS5402 Gender, Power and Protest,
- GS5403 Gender and Technologies (any two will run in any one year)

and 60 credits Politics themed optional modules offered by the Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy (PIRP). Indicative modules offered by PIRP include Identity, Power and Radical Political Theory; Political Concepts; Gender and Global Politics; Media, Power and Public Affairs; Gender and Global Politics; Advanced Quantitative Methods; Advanced Qualitative Methods.

MSc Gender Studies and Philosophy

You will choose 15 credits/one module from the three Gender Studies electives

- GS5401 Body and Embodiment,
- GS5402 Gender, Power and Protest,
- GS5403 Gender and Technologies (any two will run in any one year)

and 60 credits from the Philosophy themed optional modules offered by the Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy (PIRP). Indicative modules include Advanced Topics in Philosophy; Twentieth Century French Philosophy; Contemporary Political Thinkers; Race, Gender and Queer Philosophy.

Course members are welcomed to all the Gender Institute events and activities together with other events organised by the School and other College research centres, including The Bedford Centre of the History of Women and Gender.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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