

## OBJECTIVES OF THE MA

Gender studies is an exciting area of research, exploring gender relations in the past, present and future. Few disciplines in the Social Sciences are more pivotal than Gender Studies at this moment in history. In recent years, new research has encouraged many to reconsider gender roles, challenge perceptions of gender identity, face gender bias, and question the very notion of a universal gender definition.

Simultaneously, contentious discussions in politics and policy have brought issues of gender equality (and, specifically, gender inequality) more openly into the public eye. Different organizations across the world have approached gender issues in various ways. The United Nations, for example, promotes gender mainstreaming, explaining it as a “globally accepted strategy for promoting gender equality.” There is considerable work to be done globally to fight gender disparity, which is fueled by pervasive gender stereotypes. This work depends upon individuals with the necessary understanding of gender theory, gender differences, and gender roles in society to tackle these issues.

Gender Studies as a discipline takes an academic view of gender and development, and incorporates many of the teachings and approaches found in women's studies. The skills required include critical thinking, research, analysis, and communication. In addition to specific positions in academia, these studies prepare learners for myriad roles in the public and private sectors that depend upon these skills. As this Gender Studies master program draws on a variety of perspectives to analyze social, literary, religious, linguistic and cultural phenomena through the lens of gender, students will be able to explore approaches from across a range of academic disciplines. They will learn the principles of conducting research on gender and examine issues that both shape and are shaped by gender relations, such as family roles, human rights, youth subcultures, religion, feminism, activism, development, citizenship, sexuality, literature, media and culture.

### Research Insight

1. Gender Studies master program is at the forefront of gender research, working closely with other research laboratories within the university and maintaining strong links with other universities, and women's associations in Morocco and around the world. It is a welcoming and stimulating environment in which to explore gender issues from a range of perspectives.
2. Core modules in gender theory and research will lay these foundations, and students will build on them by choosing from a range of options on topics such as gender, education and development, gender equality in the workplace, gender and politics, gender and language, gender and performance, gender and research methodology, gender and human rights, race and sexuality. There has never been a more exciting time to study gender, and this program will give you an insight into this vital and fascinating field.

## Learning and Teaching

We use a range of teaching and learning methods including presentations, seminars, tutorials and lectures, depending on modules. Research and fieldwork are also crucial to this degree with our civil society partners, as an opportunity to develop the students' research skills and help them form their own practical ideas in the field.

## Assessment

Assessment methods may vary, depending on the module. They generally include, active class attendance and participation, presentations, book reviews, research proposals, exams and final projects. We offer plenty of support including feedback on essay plans and draft dissertation chapters and regular opportunities to meet with academic staff on a one-to-one basis.

## Careers and Opportunities

Because of the analysis, critical thinking, and policy skillsets cultivated through Gender Studies master program, many diverse possibilities for future employment are opened to our students. As this program introduces students to relevant social issues, fosters critical thinking, develops strong verbal, writing and research skills, and encourages social advocacy, it is an excellent preparation for graduate work in professional fields such as Media, Social Work, Government, NGOs and Business, or in academic fields like Education or Research.



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MA PROGRAM:

## Gender Studies

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### MODULES OF THE MA

Semester 1	Module n°	Name of the Module	Number of Hours
	1	Introduction to Gender Studies	50
	2	Gender in Literature	50
	3	Feminist and Gender Theories	50
	4	Gender Research Methodology	50
	5	Gender and African Literature	50
	6	World Women Writers and their Writings	50
<b>Total Hours Semester 1</b>			<b>300</b>
Semester 2	7	Moroccan and Islamic Feminisms	50
	8	Gender and ICT	50
	9	Gender, Media and Culture	50
	10	Gender and Performance	50
	11	Gender, Politics and Global Issues	50
	12	Research Methods in Gender Studies	50
<b>Total Hours Semester 2</b>			<b>300</b>

Semester 3		Module n°	Name of the Module	Number of Hours
		13	Gender, Education and Development	50
		14	Gender, Modernization and Social Change	50
		15	Gender and Youth Subcultures	50
		16	Gender Dialogues: Religion and Human Rights	50
		17	Gender, Civil Society and Activism	50
		18	Practiced-based Research Practicum in Gender Studies	50
		Total Hours semester 3		
Semester 4	19	STAGE ou MEMOIRE		
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Total Hours semester 4			300	