

MASTER OF ARTS PHILOSOPHY AND SPECIALIZATION FEMINIST AND GENDER STUDIES

The Department of Philosophy offers MA (with or without thesis) and PhD programs in Philosophy. The programs are offered in English and French. According to the University's policy, students may pursue their studies in the official language of their choice.

The Department participates in the collaborative programs in Feminist and Gender Studies (at the MA level), in Medieval and Renaissance Studies (at the MA level) and in Canadian Studies (at the PhD level). For more information on these programs, see "Admission Requirements."

The Collaborative program in Feminist and Gender Studies at the master's level is designed for students from selected disciplines in arts, education, health sciences, law, social sciences, and counselling and spirituality (Saint Paul University), who have an interest in Feminist and Gender Studies. These students have the opportunity to combine advanced studies in their primary program with analyses from a Feminist and Gender Studies perspective. The degree awarded is a master's degree in the primary program with a "specialization in Feminist and Gender Studies".

The programs are governed by the academic regulations (<http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807>) in effect for graduate studies.

Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (<https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements/>) webpage.

To be admitted to the MA program a candidate must have an honours BA in Philosophy (or the equivalent) with a minimum "B" average. The Department reserves the right to impose a preliminary examination.

Candidates lacking the necessary background may be admitted to a qualifying program.

An application dossier must include official transcripts and two letters of recommendation. For the master's **with thesis**, the dossier must also include a description of the intended field of research, and a sample of written work in philosophy (15-25 pp.).

Collaborative Programs

The Department of Philosophy is a participating unit in the collaborative programs in Feminist and Gender Studies (master's level only) and in Medieval and Renaissance Studies (master's level only).

The collaborative program Feminist and Gender Studies has been established for students wishing to enrich their training in philosophy by including an interdisciplinary component in Feminist and Gender Studies. The specific requirements of the collaborative program include two core courses and a thesis on a topic related to Feminist and Gender Studies.

Only one of the core "FEM" courses will be counted for unit towards the requirements of the master's in philosophy.

Students should indicate in their initial application for admission to the master's program in Philosophy that they wish to be accepted into the collaborative program. For the collaborative program in Feminist and Gender Studies, requests submitted following admission will be considered on an exceptional basis.

To be accepted in the collaborative program in Feminist and Gender Studies at the master's level, applicants must first be accepted to the master's program in a participating program. Successful applicants will normally hold an honours degree or the equivalent and have a minimum average of 70 per cent (B). They must also have a background in Feminist and Gender Studies, that is, a minimum of two undergraduate level courses or one graduate level course on women, gender, feminism or sexualities. Students who do not have an adequate background may be eligible to our Special Policy for Admissions.

The letter of intention submitted with the application should include a clear account of the "Feminist and Gender Studies" dimension in the proposed topic of research.

Language Requirements

Proficiency in both French and English is strongly encouraged so that students may take advantage of the full range of activities – lectures, personal contacts, and courses – available in the Department (graduate courses are normally not duplicated in the two languages).

In accordance with the University of Ottawa regulation, students have a right to produce their work, their thesis, and to answer examination questions in French or in English.

Program Requirements

An accelerated route leading from the MA program into the PhD program is available (see PhD Program).

Master's with Collaborative Specialization (Thesis)

The Master's with Collaborative Specialization (Thesis) consists of 5 (one-term) courses, an approved thesis project, and a thesis, including defence.

Students admitted to the collaborative program in Feminist and Gender Studies at the master's level must meet the requirements for a master's degree in their primary program as well as the requirements of the Feminist and Gender Studies program. Normally, the Feminist and Gender Studies courses are recognized as partial fulfillment of the requirements of the student's primary program, in which case the passing grade in the relevant FEM course or courses is the same as that specified for the primary program.

Compulsory Courses (PHI):

9 elective course units in philosophy (PHI) at the graduate level	9 Units
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Second Language Proficiency Requirement ¹

Compulsory Courses (FEM): ²

FEM 5103	Feminist Methodologies	3 Units
FEM 5300	Feminist Theories	3 Units

Thesis Project:

PHI 6999 Preparation and Presentation of the M.A. Thesis Project³

Thesis:

THM 7999 Master's Thesis^{4, 5}

Note(s)

¹ MA candidates must also complete a proficiency requirement in the second official language. This requirement can be completed in one of three ways:

- Passing (50%) the FLS 1000 exam; OR
- Completing 6 units of FLS courses at your level (as determined by the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute); OR
- Successfully completing a Philosophy graduate seminar given in French. (N.B. As per University regulations, students may write examinations and papers in the official language of their choice.)

² Students must complete the two compulsory courses before their first enrollment for the thesis.

³ The thesis proposal must be approved by the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee as well as by the primary program. Usually the thesis proposal is submitted to Feminist and Gender Studies by the end of the third term of the first year of studies. For the primary programs that do not require a proposal, students must still submit a proposal to the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee.

⁴ The thesis must be on a topic related to women, gender, feminism or sexualities. The proposed topic must be approved by the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee as well as by the student's primary program. The thesis must demonstrate knowledge of feminist scholarship in the field or fields appropriate to the topic, and of feminist methodologies where applicable.

⁵ The thesis supervisor must possess Feminist and Gender Studies expertise. One of the examiners (for the thesis) must be a person approved by the Feminist and Gender Studies Graduate Committee.

Duration of Program

Students are expected to fulfill all requirements within two years. The maximum time permitted is four years from the date of initial enrollment in the program.

Research

Research Fields & Facilities

Located in the heart of Canada's capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada's top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is proud of the state of the art research conducted by its professors. In the spirit of showcasing its research to the university community as well as to the general public, the Faculty has created three activities: Dean's Lecture Series, Treasures of the Library, and Excellence Lectures.

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Arts

- Centre de recherche en civilisation canadienne-française (<http://arts.uottawa.ca/crccf/>),
- Institute of Indigenous Research and Studies (<http://arts.uottawa.ca/canada/en/>),
- Institute for Science, Society and Policy (<http://issp.uottawa.ca/en/>),
- Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI) (<http://olbi.uottawa.ca/>)
- Morisset Library (<http://biblio.uottawa.ca/en/morisset-library/>).

For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on **Uniweb**.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (<https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information/>) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses

PHI 5319 Aesthetics and philosophy of art (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5320 History of analytic philosophy (3 units)

Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in contemporary analytic philosophy (19th-20th centuries). This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.

Course Component: Lecture

PHI 5321 History of continental philosophy (3 units)

Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in contemporary continental philosophy (19th-20th centuries). This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5323 Asian and Comparative Philosophy (3 units)

Internal or comparative study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in Asian philosophy. This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5324 Philosophy of mind and cognitive science (3 units)

Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in philosophy of mind and cognitive science. This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5325 Metaphilosophy (3 units)

Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in metaphilosophy and/or methodology of philosophy. This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5326 Metaethics (3 units)

Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in metaethics. This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5331 Ancient Philosophy (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5332 Medieval Philosophy (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5333 Modern Philosophy (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5341 Logic and Philosophy of Science (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5342 Epistemology (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5343 Metaphysics (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5344 Philosophical Anthropology (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5345 Ethics (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5346 Social and Political Philosophy (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5347 Philosophy of Religion (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5348 Philosophy of History (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 5719 Esthétique et philosophie de l'art (3 crédits)

Étude d'un enjeu ou d'un ensemble de textes d'esthétique et de philosophie de l'art. Ce cours à thèmes variables peut être suivi plusieurs fois pourvu que les thèmes diffèrent.

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5720 Histoire de la philosophie analytique (3 crédits)

Étude d'un enjeu ou d'un ensemble de textes de philosophie analytique contemporaine (19e-20e siècle). Ce cours à thèmes variables peut être suivi plusieurs fois pourvu que les thèmes diffèrent.

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5721 Histoire de la philosophie continentale (3 crédits)

Étude d'un enjeu ou d'un ensemble de textes de philosophie continentale contemporaine (19e-20e siècle). Ce cours à thèmes variables peut être suivi plusieurs fois pourvu que les thèmes diffèrent.

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5723 Philosophie asiatique et comparée (3 crédits)

Étude interne ou comparée d'un enjeu ou d'un ensemble de textes issu de la philosophie asiatique. Ce cours à thèmes variables peut être suivi plusieurs fois pourvu que les thèmes diffèrent.

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5724 Philosophie de l'esprit et des sciences cognitives (3 crédits)

Étude d'un enjeu ou d'un ensemble de textes de philosophie de l'esprit et de sciences cognitives. Ce cours à thèmes variables peut être suivi plusieurs fois pourvu que les thèmes diffèrent.

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5725 Métaphilosophie (3 crédits)

Étude d'un enjeu ou d'un ensemble de textes de métaphilosophie et/ou méthodologie de la philosophie. Ce cours à thèmes variables peut être suivi plusieurs fois pourvu que les thèmes diffèrent.

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5726 Métaéthique (3 crédits)

Étude d'un enjeu ou d'un ensemble de textes de métaéthique. Ce cours à thèmes variables peut être suivi plusieurs fois pourvu que les thèmes diffèrent.

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5731 Philosophie ancienne (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5732 Philosophie médiévale (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5733 Philosophie moderne (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5741 Logique et philosophie du langage (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5742 Épistémologie et philosophie des sciences (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5743 Métaphysique (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5744 Anthropologie philosophique (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5745 Philosophie morale (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5746 Philosophie sociale et politique (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5747 Philosophie de la religion (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 5748 Philosophie de l'histoire (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 6102 Selected Problems II (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 6103 Selected Problems III (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

PHI 6502 Thèmes et problèmes de philosophie II (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 6503 Thèmes et problèmes de philosophie III (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

PHI 6904 Étude dirigée / Directed Study (3 crédits / 3 units)

Travail à préparer sous la direction d'un membre du corps professoral du département. Préalable : permission du comité des études supérieures. / Paper to be prepared under the direction of a professor in the department.

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

Prerequisite: Paper to be prepared under the direction of a professor in the department.

PHI 6995 Mémoire et recherche (MA) / Major Research Paper (MA)

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 6996 Mémoire et recherche (MA) / Major Research Paper (MA)

Volet / Course Component: Cours magistral / Lecture

PHI 6997 Mémoire et recherche (MA) / Major Research Paper (MA)

Volet / Course Component: Cours magistral / Lecture

PHI 6999 Élaboration et présentation du projet de thèse de maîtrise ès arts / Preparation and Presentation of the M.A. Thesis Project

Rédaction du projet de thèse de maîtrise en consultation avec le superviseur, évaluation par le comité de thèse et, dans le cas d'une approbation, présentation et défense du projet dans le cadre d'un séminaire. La note donnée sera S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). / Writing of the M.A. thesis project in consultation with the supervisor, evaluation by the thesis committee, and, in the case of approbation, presentation and defence of the project in a seminar. The course will be graded S (satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory).

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 8995 Mémoire de recherche (PhD) / Major Reserach Paper (PhD)

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 8998 Examen de candidature / Candidacy Examination (PhD)

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 8999 Élaboration et présentation du projet de thèse de doctorat / Preparation and Presentation of Ph.D. Thesis Project

Rédaction du projet de thèse de doctorat en consultation avec le superviseur, évaluation par le comité de thèse et, dans le cas d'une approbation, présentation et défense du projet dans le cadre d'un séminaire. La note donnée sera S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). / Writing of the Ph.D. thesis project in consultation with the supervisor, evaluation by the thesis committee, and, in the case of approbation, presentation and defence of the project in a seminar. The course will be graded S (satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory).

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

FEM 5103 Feminist Methodologies (3 units)

Methodologies developed in Women's Studies. Critical examination from both multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Course Component: Seminar

FEM 5300 Feminist Theories (3 units)

Approaches to contemporary feminist theory. Critical examination from both multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Course Component: Seminar

Permission of the Department is required.

FEM 5503 Méthodologies féministes (3 crédits)

Méthodologies élaborées en études des femmes. Examen critique dans une perspective à la fois pluridisciplinaire et interdisciplinaire.

Volet : Séminaire

Permission du Département est requise.

FEM 5700 Théories féministes (3 crédits)

Différentes approches de la théorie féministe contemporaine. Examen critique dans une perspective à la fois pluridisciplinaire et interdisciplinaire.

Volet : Séminaire

FEM 6100 Special Topics in Feminist Studies (3 units)

Course Component: Seminar

FEM 6101 Gender, Power and Representations (3 units)

This course analyses the diverse body of feminist scholarship theorizing conceptions of gender, power and representation. Examining the construction and representation of gender/sex differences, the course explores the power relations inherent in these representations, while also examining how gender roles and expectations are linked to representations of class, race, sexuality, age, nationality and ability.

Course Component: Seminar

FEM 6102 Women, Rights and Citizenship in a Globalized World (3 units)

This course examines women's rights and citizenship; gender and development; and gender, migration and health in the context of globalization. Topics include the following: mainstreaming gender and health development; initiatives bringing feminist Southern voices across the world; health consequences of the massive incorporation of Third World women into a transnational labour force; women's agency and resistance; social capital and pluralism in health services and health care.

Course Component: Seminar

FEM 6103 Directed Readings (3 units)

Course Component: Research

FEM 6104 Intersectional Perspectives on Environmental Change (3 units)

Intersectional perspectives (feminist, Indigenous, queer and others) of the politics of environmental change focusing on relationships between gender, race, class and the environment in classical and contemporary literature. Possible topics include climate activism, Indigenous peoples' sovereignty and autonomy; environmental and reproductive justice movements; the social determinants of health; human, animal and land rights; food security and food sovereignty.,

Course Component: Lecture

FEM 6105 Anti-Colonial and Anti-Racist Feminisms (3 units)

In-depth exploration of anti-colonial and anti-racist feminist theories and activism. Possible topics include: Black feminist theories; intersectionality; critiques of whiteness; mobility and migration; anti-Black racism; Islamophobia; Indigenous epistemologies; critical settler studies; decolonial, postcolonial and anticolonial feminisms; reproductive justice; environmental racism.

Course Component: Lecture

FEM 6106 Feminist Disability Studies (3 units)

Exploration of key debates in burgeoning field of feminist disability studies. Themes include: emergence of feminist contributions to field of critical disability studies; changing contours of disability activism rooted in recognition of interlocking systems of oppression; intersectional analyses of disability, including cultural and artistic representations; notions of embodiment and "crippled" subjectivities; disability politics in its broader political and social environment.

Course Component: Lecture

FEM 6107 Critical Muslim Studies (3 units)

Exploration of feminist and anti-racist approaches to the global "war on terror" and its specific impacts on diverse Muslim people and communities. Possible topics include: critiques of hegemonic discourses of terror; gendered impacts on Muslim women; cultural production about and by Muslims post 9-11; surveillance, policing and socio-legal studies; racial justice in settler colonial contexts; transnational circulation of anti-Muslim racism; Orientalism and anti-Black racism; experiences of LGBTQ + Muslims.

Course Component: Lecture

FEM 6500 Thèmes spéciaux en études féministes (3 crédits)

Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6501 Rapports sociaux de sexe, pouvoir et représentations (3 crédits)

Ce cours analyse les diverses théories féministes qui visent à formaliser les concepts de genre, de pouvoir et de représentation. Les représentations des différences entre les genres/les sexes y sont abordées sous l'angle de leur construction sociale, ainsi que des rapports de pouvoir qui leur sont intrinsèquement liés. Le cours examinera également la façon dont les rôles et les attentes quant au genre sont aussi façonnés par des représentations concernant la classe, « la race » et l'ethnicité, la sexualité, l'âge, la nationalité et la présence/l'absence de handicap.

Volet : Séminaire

FEM 6502 Femmes, droits et citoyenneté dans un monde globalisé (3 crédits)

Ce cours englobe les domaines d'études connexes touchant aux droits des femmes et à la citoyenneté : genre et développement international; genre, migrations et santé dans un contexte mondialisé. Des sujets variés y sont abordés, qu'il s'agisse de l'intégration des rapports sociaux de sexe dans le développement de la santé, des initiatives novatrices permettant de faire entendre les voix féministes du sud ou encore des conséquences sur la santé de l'enrôlement massif des femmes du Tiers monde dans un marché du travail multinational et mondialisé. On s'intéressera aussi à l'agentivité et aux résistances de ces femmes, à leur capital social et au pluralisme en matière de services et de soins de santé.

Volet : Séminaire

FEM 6503 Lectures dirigées (3 crédits)

Volet : Recherche

FEM 6504 Perspectives intersectionnelles sur les changements environnementaux (3 crédits)

Perspectives intersectionnelles (féministes, autochtones, queer, anti-racistes et autres) sur les enjeux politiques des changements environnementaux explorant les relations entre genre, race, classe sociale, et environnement dans la littérature classique et contemporaine. Parmi les thématiques possibles : le militantisme climatique; la souveraineté et l'autonomie des peuples autochtones; les mouvements pour la justice environnementale et reproductive; les déterminants socio-environnementaux de la santé; les droits humains, des animaux et territoriaux; la sécurité et la souveraineté alimentaires.

Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6505 Féminismes anticoloniaux et antiracistes (3 crédits)

Exploration approfondie des théories et militantismes féministes anticoloniaux et antiracistes. Parmi les thématiques possibles : théories féministes noires; intersectionnalité; critiques de la blancheur; mobilité et migration; racisme antinoir; islamophobie; épistémologies autochtones; études critiques des colonies de peuplement; féminisme décolonial, postcolonial et anticolonial; justice reproductive; racisme environnemental.

Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6506 Études féministes du handicap (3 crédits)

Exploration des débats centraux dans le champ des études féministes du handicap. Parmi les thématiques abordées: l'émergence des contributions féministes dans le champ des études féministes du handicap; les transformations du militantisme suite à la reconnaissance de l'imbrication des systèmes d'oppression; analyses intersectionnelles du handicap, incluant dans les représentations culturelles et artistiques; notions de corporéité et de subjectivités "crip"; la politique du handicap dans ses relations avec son contexte politique et social plus large.

Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6507 Études critiques musulmanes (3 crédits)

Exploration d'approches féministes et antiracistes de la « guerre globale contre le terrorisme » et de ses impacts sur les diverses populations et communautés musulmanes. Parmi les thématiques possibles : critiques des discours hégémoniques sur la terreur; impacts en termes de genre sur les femmes musulmanes; productions culturelles relatives aux musulman.e.s après le 11 septembre; surveillance, maintien de l'ordre et études sociojuridiques; justice raciale dans le contexte des colonies de peuplement; circulation transnationale du racisme antimusulman; orientalisme et racisme antinoir; expériences des musulman.e.s LGBTQ+.

Volet : Cours magistral

FEM 6900 Thèmes spéciaux en études féministes / Special Topics in Feminist Studies (3 crédits / 3 units)

Volet / Course Component: Cours magistral / Lecture

FEM 6997 Projet de thèse de maîtrise / Master's Thesis Proposal

Master's Thesis Proposal

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

Préalables : FEM 5503, FEM 5700 et 6 crédits de la banque de cours au choix. / Prerequisites: FEM 5103, FEM 5300 and 6 credit from the list of electives.

FEM 6999 Mémoire / Research Paper (6 crédits / 6 units)

Préalables : FEM 5503, FEM 5700 et 12 crédits de la banque de cours au choix. / Research Paper

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

Préalables : FEM5503, FEM5700 et 12 crédits de la banque de cours au choix. / Prerequisites: FEM 5103, FEM 5300 and 12 units from the list of electives.

FEM 8101 Seminar in Women's Studies (3 units)

This seminar deals with professional development (the preparation of grant applications, conference papers and articles), and reviews the central issues and debates of the discipline.

Course Component: Seminar

Prerequisites: FEM 5103 and FEM 5300. Reserved for students registered in the PhD program in Women's Studies.

FEM 8501 Séminaire en études des femmes (3 crédits)

Ce séminaire porte sur le développement professionnel (préparation de demandes de subvention, conférences, articles) et sur les enjeux principaux de la discipline.

Volet : Séminaire

Préalables : FEM 5503 et FEM 5700. Réservé aux étudiantes et étudiants inscrits au doctorat en étude des femmes.

FEM 9997 Projet de thèse de doctorat / Doctoral Thesis Proposal

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

Préalable: FEM 9998 / Prerequisite: FEM 9998

FEM 9998 Examen de synthèse / Comprehensive Examination

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research