

Title of the Program: Master Program in Gender Studies

Academic Degree Offered: Master of Social Sciences in Gender Studies

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Qualification of the program:

The interdisciplinary Master's Program in Gender Studies is the first and the only graduate level program in Gender Studies throughout the Caucasus region. The Program has been developed in close cooperation with the Women's and Gender Studies Department at Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA, and the Department of Gender Studies at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. The program is funded by the grant of the Open Society Institute. Students of the Master's Program in Gender Studies have a unique opportunity to receive a graduate level training in Social Sciences meeting international standards, to excel in Gender Studies education, to gain practical work experience through the internship.

a) Goals and Aims of the Program:

The program is interdisciplinary and aims at:

- Providing students with up-to-date knowledge on gender as a social, cultural, political, and economic phenomenon;
- Developing skills of critical thinking and inquiry;
- Prepare them for practical work on gender concerns.

Students are instructed and supervised by TSU professors, lecturers from Academic Fellowship Program, professionals with work experience at international and local women's organizations. Guest lectures and workshops for students are regularly delivered by visiting professors from leading universities of Europe and North America.

The language of instruction is English.

b) Learning outcome:

Knowledge and awareness: After successful completion of the study program, the graduate commands theoretical and philosophical foundations of gender studies, and methods of research and analysis of gender related issues; is able to conduct a self-sufficient scientific and analytical research in the field of gender studies; is able to present the results of the research both orally and in writing, and can apply a gender-sensitive perspective to the analysis of diverse social issues.

Application of knowledge/practical skills: Knowledge of theories in gender and feminist studies and facility in relating them to each other; knowledge of the history and current trends of feminist movement; awareness of activities of local, national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and potential to participate in those activities; familiarity with methods of social research and ability to apply these methods for studying gender related aspects of social life.

general / transferable skills: Ability to conduct a research independently and to present its results both in writing and orally with the aid of appropriate computer software; ability to communicate effectively with stakeholders, to participate in team work; ability to comprehend and critically evaluate texts in English languages, as well as to produce original ones.

c) Employment opportunities: Graduates completing their degree with the Gender Studies Program will be able to:

- carry out research in gender studies and on gender related topics
- develop policy recommendations related to gender related challenges
- be employed as gender policy makers, researchers and practitioners in a variety of international, national and local governmental or non-governmental organizations and offices.

Preconditions for Admission to the Master's Program:

- Bachelor's degree or Diploma with successful completion of any academic area. Some background in social sciences is an asset. Prior work experience is not required
- English language proficiency level B2 – demonstrated either by taking the corresponding examination at TSU Language Center or submitting standardized English Language test scores (TOEFL IBT 87 or equivalent on IELTS, Cambridge, etc.)
- Complete application package:
 - completed application form (www.ucss.ge)
 - letter of motivation
 - certified copies and translations (if applicable*) of Bachelor's degree certificate/Diploma, transcripts, language test scores, other relevant documents
- Written examination
- Interview with the admissions committee

Structure of the Master Program:

Preparatory Courses			
#	Name	Contact hours	ECTS
	Academic Writing and Presentation skills	45	pass
	Information Technologies	15	pass
I semester			
Obligatory Courses			
1.1	Foundations of Gender and Feminist Theories	60	10
1.2	Research Methods	60	10
1.3	Historic Aspects of Women's Rights	30	5
1.4	Gender and Work	30	5
Elective Courses			
1.5	The Role of Women Mystics in the History of Medieval Mentality	30	5
1.6	Gender and Labor Migration	30	5
Credits in the first semester			35
II semester			
Obligatory Courses			
2.1	Feminist Philosophy	60	10
2.2	Agency, Subjectivity and Social Change	30	5
2.3	Policy Analysis	30	5
2.4	Gender and Development	30	5
Elective Courses			
2.5	Culture and identity	30	5
2.6	Feminist Literary Criticism	30	5
2.7	Gender in Economic Policy	30	5
Credits in the second semester			35
III (summer) semester. Intensive courses during 7 weeks			
Obligatory Courses			
3.1	Research Seminar	30	5
3.2	Internship	30	5
Elective Courses			
3.3	Masculinity and Femininity in Medieval European Culture	30	5
3.4	Ethnographic Research Methods	30	5
3.5	Gender and Psychoanalysis	30	5
3.6	Gender in Visual Arts	30	5
3.7	Gender and Globalization	30	5

Credits in the third semester		20
IV semester		
4.1	MA theses	30
Credits in the fourth semester		20
TOTAL ECTS credits in the program:		120