

# Master of Arts in Gender, Culture and Society @ UL

- ▶ Cross-disciplinary study of gender, culture and society
- ▶ Feminist, social and cultural theory
- ▶ Key socio-cultural methods for the study of gender
- ▶ Careers in creative industries, government, development, media and NGOs
- ▶ Full-time and part-time

## MA Objectives

- ▶ To give students an advanced cross-disciplinary understanding of gender as a social and cultural construct across different societies
- ▶ To provide students with knowledge of current historical, cultural, sociological, and political approaches to the study of gender
- ▶ To enable students to critically evaluate theoretical approaches to gender and sexuality
- ▶ To provide students with the opportunity for independent self-directed learning
- ▶ To enable students to enhance their intellectual and generic skills in preparation for further academic/and or professional work
- ▶ To equip students with the knowledge and skills to design and conduct independent research

## Why the University of Limerick?

Students on this MA programme benefit from a vibrant institutional and inter-institutional research environment and have access to faculty members with a wide range of expertise and international profiles. The Gender, Culture & Society@UL programme runs an annual seminar series, public lectures, workshops and the Gender, Culture & Society PhD Forum. We are also co-partners with colleagues at NUI Galway in the Advanced Research Consortium on Gender – Gender ARC <http://www.genderarc.org>.

In recent years students on this programme have come from Britain, Canada, China, Iceland, Spain, Poland and the US as well as Ireland. We try to make some full or partial fee waivers available which can be applied for by students normally in late summer.

As well as being a beautiful and socially vibrant university campus, students at the University of Limerick have access to excellent learning, research, recreation and sport facilities. Faculty members do all they can to ensure that students complete their degree programme and leave UL having achieved their goals.

## What can I do with a Master's Degree in Gender, Culture & Society?

Although this is primarily an academic Masters programme, students are able to specialise in social science or cultural studies of gender and are facilitated to adapt their course work to their specific career plans.

The interdisciplinary nature of this MA programme encourages intellectual flexibility, inspires imaginative and conceptual abilities, and develops skills in transferring knowledge across disciplinary boundaries. These skills and abilities are in high demand in today's knowledge-based economy. Analytical and critical skills are also promoted as the programme engages with the politics of gender, sexuality and questions of equality and human rights.

Students graduating with this Master's degree find work in the creative industries, NGOs, media and communications, journalism, research, education and business sectors. The programme also provides a sound basis for doctoral research and a high proportion of students on this programme progress to PhD level.

## Programme of Study

The MA is available as a one-year full time or two-year part-time programme of study.

Students are required to take four core modules and four optional modules in a combination of lectures and seminar discussion. An additional and substantial research element includes: assessed course research papers; and a dissertation of 15,000 words written on a topic of choice under the guidance of an appropriate supervisor. Students not proceeding to the dissertation may exit the programme with a Graduate Diploma upon successful completion of all coursework and assessments.

*All elective modules may not be offered if student numbers are too small or irresolvable timetable clashes arise.*

Autumn Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
SO6021: Theoretical Approaches to Gender, Culture and Society I	EH6032: Theoretical Approaches to Gender, Culture and Society II	SO6013: Dissertation
SO6031: Feminist Approaches to Research	CU6032: Thesis Writing	
<i>Plus 2 of the following:</i>	<i>Plus 2 of the following:</i>	
SO5031: Qualitative Methods I	SO6042: Feminism(s), Diaspora and Multiculturalism	
HI6161: Sex, Family and Gender in Eighteenth Century Ireland and Britain	EH6042: Feminist Literary Theory	
SO5051: Researching Social Exclusion	SO5061: Researching Social Change	
CU6031: Comparative Literature: Cultural Construction of the Past	PS5121: Feminist Perspectives on Conflict and Development Issues	
EH6021: Gender & Sexuality in Irish Writing	CU6012: Utopian Theory and Texts	
	SO6013: Dissertation	



### Entrance Requirements

- ▶ Primary degree in a relevant discipline with First or Second Class Honours or an approved equivalent qualification.
- ▶ Candidates must be proficient in English.

### Fees

For details of fees and further details go to the Graduate Studies website at: <http://www.ul.ie/graduateschool/course/gender-culture-society-ma>

### Contact

Applicants who wish to discuss detailed elements of the programme should contact the Course Administrator:

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### How to apply

Applicants are encouraged to apply online at: <http://www.ul.ie/graduateschool/course/gender-culture-society-ma>

If not applying online application forms may be obtained from and should be returned (with certified results / relevant certificates of qualification) to:

**Postgraduate Admissions Office,**  
**Graduate School, Foundation Building,**  
**University of Limerick**

Tel: +353 61 234377  
Fax: +353 61 233287  
Email: [Postgradadmissions@ul.ie](mailto:Postgradadmissions@ul.ie)  
[www.graduateschool.ul.ie](http://www.graduateschool.ul.ie)

### Further details

Refer to:  
<http://www3.ul.ie/gcs> or  
[www.ul.ie/sociology](http://www.ul.ie/sociology)

### Application deadlines

The last date for the receipt of completed applications is the second Friday in June. Applications received after the closing date may be considered if there are places available on the course.