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Graduate Degree(s) Offered in Women's Studies

Two Options for the Joint M.A.

- Joint M.A. en route to the Ph.D.
Current Brandeis graduate students may apply to complete the joint M.A. as they work toward a Ph.D. in any of the following fields: American History, Anthropology, English, Comparative History, Music, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Psychology, Social Policy, or Sociology. This degree replaces a master's degree in the student's program and may be pursued at any time during the student's graduate career.
- Terminal Joint M.A.
Prospective students may elect a terminal master's degree in Women's and Gender studies and one of the following four disciplines: Anthropology, English, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Sociology.

Degree Program Requirements

- Participation in a one-semester non-credit Proseminar
- WMGS 205: Graduate Foundational Course in Women's and Gender Studies
- One course in feminist research methods
- Two elective courses in Women's and Gender Studies (one inside and one outside the home department)
- Two or more additional courses as required by the home department
- A thesis or paper as stipulated by the home department

Joint Degree Programs (if any)

All M.A. degrees are joint, and we do not offer a Ph.D. in Women's and Gender Studies, but Ph.D. Students in 9 other fields may pursue a Joint M.A. in Women's and Gender Studies.

Sample of Women’s Studies and Related Course Offerings (Including Courses that Concentrate on Race, Ethnicity, LGBTQ Issues, Globalization) (maximum ten)

- Graduate Foundational Course in Women's and Gender Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies Research Seminar
- The Anthropology of Gender
- Writing British Women 1660-1800: Critical Inquires
- Americans at Home: Families and Domestic Environments, 1600 to the Present
- Work and Individual and Social Development
- Women and Music, Past and Present: Style, Identity, Culture
- Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Jews and Christians: Sources and Interpretations
- Seminar on Sex Differences
- Women Leaders and Transformation in Developing Countries

Online/Distance Learning Options (if any)

N/A

Particular Strength or Emphasis of the Program

As a joint degree program, our program combines the study in a specific discipline with Women’s and Gender Studies, offering an interdisciplinary approach. In addition we are among the few universities who offer a Women’s and Gender Studies focus in fields such as Social Policy and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. Finally, in keeping with the mission of Brandeis University, we seek to provide an education that understands the crucial relationship between education and social change, and encourage new thinking about global justice.

Women's and Gender Studies Core Faculty

Joyce Antler	Bernadette Brooten	Dian Fox
ChaeRan Freeze	Karen Hansen	Erica Harth
Anita Hill	Heller Jane Kamensky	Nadia Kim
Sarah Lamb	Susan Lanser	James Mandrell,
Angela Perez Mejia	Shulamit Reinharz,	Ellen Schattschneider
Harleen Singh	Marion Smiley	Faith Smith

Women's and Gender Studies Affiliated Faculty

For a complete list of over 70 affiliated faculty, please visit www.brandeis.edu/wgs.

Women's Studies Fellowship/Assistantship/Teaching Opportunities and Award Amounts

We provide tuition discounts of 50% on a competitive basis and offer teaching assistantship opportunities. We also offer 5 annual Graduate Student Faculty Research Partnerships of \$1500 each. In addition we provide the following scholarships and fellowships:

- Kushner Scholarship: \$1,600
- Women’s Studies Scholarship \$1,200
- Rapaport Grad Scholarship: \$5,000

- Ethel Sondick Scholarship: \$2,000
- WS Endowed Fellowship: \$5,000
- Ribakoff Family Scholarship: \$5,000

University Fellowship/Assistantship/Teaching Opportunities and Amounts

The university offers a variety of financial aid opportunities. Please see Brandeis' Graduate School of Arts & Sciences at www.brandeis.edu/gsas for details.

Application Requirements/Process

The joint master's degree in women's and gender studies and another discipline may be pursued independently or in conjunction with a Ph.D. in one of several fields. Students must apply directly through the home department of the other discipline (i.e. Anthropology, English, etc.) in Brandeis's graduate school of Arts and Sciences. Information and application materials may be found at www.brandeis.edu/gsas.

The second option is available to Brandeis graduate students who are already enrolled in Ph.D. programs in American history, anthropology, comparative history, English and American literature, The Heller Graduate School, music, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, psychology, or sociology. Students may elect the joint master's degree with the approval of their advisor and of the women's and gender studies program. This degree option replaces a master's degree in the student's program and may be entered at any time during the student's graduate career.