

### Presentation

The Master's programme in Gender Studies aims to build a common foundation of general knowledge on the notion of gender through its classes on history, sociology, anthropology, geography, philosophy, political sciences, literature, media cultures and cultural action.

This sophisticated, multidisciplinary programme of study stems directly from international research on gender studies, particularly anglophone literature, and calls upon university lecturer-researchers from the set of Bordeaux universities who are specialists in the field of gender studies. External participants are invited as chairs or as part of exchange programmes with research laboratories working on excellence initiatives.

The Master's in Gender Studies is carried out over two years. It is composed of a common core curriculum entitled 'Gender Studies' (which encompasses the humanities and social sciences, in relation to current events in French and international research) and a choice between two further subject pathways.

- \* **The research pathway in 'Mediation, Culture and Languages'** is founded on teaching in French and foreign literatures, philosophy, the media, the arts, history and geography.
- \* **The pathway in 'Regions, Public Action and Development' is available only as a work/study continued-development programme**, aimed at professionals in the fields of gender equality and the fight against gender discrimination.

### Objectives

'Mediation, Cultures and Languages' pathway

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This pathway comprises one dedicated seminar unit in Semesters 1 and 2, and further seminar units with a focus on 'Gender' in Semesters 1, 2 and 3. These are to be chosen from the list of those seminars merged with other Université Bordeaux Montaigne research Master's programmes.

In a nutshell...

**Duration:**  
year(s)

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**Education level:**

For the 'Mediation, Cultures and Languages' pathway, students are advised to consider a double-specialism, with a second enrolment in the Master's programme corresponding to their original undergraduate degree.

The Master's in Gender Studies can then be broken down into the following units:

- \* Gender and French, Francophone and Foreign Literatures
- \* Gender and Philosophy
- \* Gender and the Media
- \* Gender and the Arts (mixed-media art, theatre, cinema)
- \* Gender and History
- \* Gender and Geography.

Students are encouraged to spend time abroad in Semester 3 as part of an exchange programme with one of Université Bordeaux Montaigne's partner universities.

'Regions, Public Action and Development' pathway

Since 2012, Université Bordeaux Montaigne has been working on developing gender studies and the associated course units. The opportunity to pursue many technical and scientific partnerships attests to the interest that has already been shown by public and semi-public stakeholders with regard to the development of projects to promote gender equality and contribute to the fight against discrimination.

In partnership with the University of Bordeaux (Faculty of Law and Political Sciences), Université Bordeaux Montaigne now offers a vocational Master's programme entitled Regions, Public Action and Development. Students who graduate from this two-year work/study programme will be qualified in the ideation, implementation and management of gender equality policies, and policies to combat sexual harassment, violence against women and discrimination. This is in accordance with the 2014 French act for real equality between men and women, and the related texts and decrees.

The programme devotes considerable time to the intervention of professionals who are currently working on such projects, and includes academic content on these issues and their legal frameworks.

## Joint degree establishments and partnerships

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## Training content

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'Mediation, Cultures and Languages' pathway

Two years of study: Master 1 (M1) and Master 2 (M2)

**The first year** is structured around a common core curriculum entitled 'Gender Studies' and includes the following disciplines:

**Semester 1:** history and geography, sociology and anthropology, literature and philosophy, political sciences;

**Semester 2:** media culture, cultural action.

The 'Mediation, Culture and Languages' pathway also specifically offers:

**Semester 1:** a seminar unit on French and Francophone Language and Literature and a seminar unit on Gender within the merged programmes;

**Semester 2:** a seminar unit on Foreign Languages, Literatures and Civilisations and a seminar unit on Gender within the merged programmes;

**Semester 3:** three seminar units on Gender within the merged programmes, or alternatively an exchange programme with dissertation supervision;

**Semester 4:** dissertation methodology, dissertation write-up, and defence of the dissertation in an oral examination.

Plus:

Students study a modern language in Semester 2 and Semester 3 (English to minimum B2 level is required).

Documentation skills are studied in Semester 1 and Semester 2.

There are 'taster' seminar units in Semester 1 and Semester 2 (with the Doctoral School).

Students are required to undertake a dissertation.

'Regions, Public Action and Development' pathway

Two years of study: Master 1 (M1) and Master 2 (M2)

The Master's in Regions, Public Action and Development is a two-year programme of study. It is primarily for candidates who are employed or eligible for a work/study programme, financed by public and semi-public partners.

**The programme takes place three days per month from**

**September to July**, meaning that employers can support the training of their personnel whilst ensuring that these same personnel can continue to fulfil their professional duties.

Indeed it may be possible to undertake a key part of the programme (the tutored internship) within the employer's company, working on an innovative project that has the employer's support. Classes take place on site at Université Bordeaux Montaigne. The tutored internship puts students in touch with a tutor and students carry out a project that is linked to the programme of study. This project is assessed as part of the final evaluation for the degree.

A collective project carried out by the class group (e.g. organisation of a seminar, event or study trip) gives students the opportunity to apply their learning pragmatically.

Within this programme, students will encounter: laws on equality and discrimination, gender violence and harassment; comparative law, European law and international law on inequality and discrimination; public local action; investigative and diagnostic methodologies for sociology and development; history of public policies to promote equality, the fight against discrimination and gender-related violence; urban gender geography and development geography.

## Admissions

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Find information regarding enrolment procedures and the supporting documents to be provided, according to your profile and your level of studies :

- \* Independent Stay
- \* Exchange Programme

## Entry requirements

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Anglais niveau B2 demandé

## Career pathways

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### **‘Mediation, Cultures and Languages’ pathway**

Employment opportunities can include:

- \* head of equality and diversity within authorities
- \* representative for equality and discrimination in large companies
- \* cultural industries, creative industries
- \* artistic career paths
- \* teaching and research.

### **‘Regions, Public Action and Development’ pathway**

Incoming and/or outgoing professional profiles may include:

- \* HR directors
- \* health and safety managers
- \* managers in the medico-social sector
- \* project managers or representatives in regional authorities, within government or within large corporations
- \* NGO directors or directors in the state-authorized voluntary sector.

## Further studies

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There is also the possibility of pursuing further research-based studies (doctorate).