

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies

Graduate Program

School of Arts and Science

Department of Communication, Mobility and Identity

Program Overview

The **MA in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies** provides students with advanced expertise in intersectional, interdisciplinary and transnational approaches to gender. Combining rigorous academic training with practical applications, the program emphasizes equality, human rights, and social justice. With a focus on global and regional perspectives, the program integrates Arab and Islamic feminisms, preparing graduates for impactful careers and further academic pursuits.

Who is it for?

- **Academics and Researchers:** Prepare for university-level teaching or doctoral studies in gender studies and related fields.
- **Advocates and Activists:** Engage in scholar-activism for gender equality, human rights, and social justice.
- **Policy-Makers and Leaders:** Use research to inform policies about gender disparities and inclusivity.

Curriculum

Choose your path in our Research or Practicum Tracks, after completing foundational courses that equip you with essential skills and theoretical frameworks in gender studies.

Research Track:

12 core credits, plus **18 elective credits**, including a Thesis to develop advanced academic research skills.

Practicum Track:

12 core credits, plus **18 elective credits**, concluding with an Internship and Project to gain professional experience.

Core Courses include:

- **IGS734** Theorizing Gender
- **IGS761** Research Methods

Choose 6 credits from:

- **IGS799** Thesis

OR Practicum:

- **IGS795** Internship
- **IGS798** Project

Electives Courses include:

- **IGS717** Politics of Gender and Sexuality
- **IGS718** Gender in Discourse
- **IGS722** Gender and the Media
- **IGS725** Gender and Public Policy
- **IGS732** Arab and Islamic Feminisms
- **IGS744** Topics in Women & Gender Studies
- **IGS745** Gender and Development
- **MIG715** Gender and Migration

Make sure to visit our website to view the full list of courses for this program.

Campus Resources

Our students have access to:



Riyad Nassar Library:

Offers the Julinda Abu Nasr Collection that includes hundreds of books, journals, and other resources about women and gender.



AIW (Arab Institute for Women): Advances women's empowerment and gender equality through research, education, development programs, and outreach.



Access to Tools:

Computer labs provide advanced research software like SPSS to input and analyze both quantitative and qualitative data sets.

Faculty

Our faculty members are leaders in gender studies, bringing expertise in feminist theory, intersectionality, gender and society, and global perspectives. Each faculty member is committed to mentoring students and helping them achieve their academic and career goals.

Meet our faculty members!



Dr. Lina Haddad Kreidie

Assistant Professor of Gender Studies, Academic Director of the TL Gender Scholars Program; Courses include: IGS732 Arab and Islamic Feminisms and IGS718 Gender in Discourse

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Admission Requirements

- No **GRE** required
- **GPA: 3.0** or higher, but applicants with lower GPAs may be considered based on experience or strong recommendations.
- **Background:** Applicants may need to complete remedial courses if they do not have prior studies in gender or social science.

Cost and Financial Aid

Our competitive tuition rates are accompanied by fellowship, scholarship, and financial aid options:

- Graduate Research Fellowship (**GRF**)
- Graduate Research Scholarship (**GRS**)
- Graduate Assistantship (**GA**)

For detailed tuition costs and financial aid information and deadlines, visit the **LAU's Admissions Page:** <https://www.lau.edu.lb/apply/graduate.php> (or scan the QR code below)



FAQs

Can I switch tracks after selecting one?

Yes, you can switch tracks before beginning your thesis or practicum courses. We recommend deciding early to ensure a smooth transition and proper course planning.

Are classes online?

This program is offered in-person on the Beirut campus.

Can I study part-time?

Yes, but financial aid requires a minimum of 6 credits per semester.

What jobs are possible after graduation?

Graduates are well-prepared for careers in human rights organizations, local and international NGOs, government agencies, or as educators in universities. This program equips you with the skills needed for leadership roles in gender advocacy, policy-making, and research.

LAU is celebrating 100 years of academic excellence, including being the only institution in Lebanon to offer an MA in Gender Studies since 2014.

Apply Now!

Explore the full course list, opportunities, and pathways that await you on our website. Take the next step in advancing your career by applying today! The admission deadline for fall 2025 is fast approaching on March 24, 2025.

Scan the QR code for more information on the application process and all deadlines!

