

M.A. Program in Gender Studies – Plan of Study

Total Length of Study: 2 years (4 semesters)

Requirements for the M.A. Degree in Gender Studies:

- Completion of all mandatory courses and a minimum of 120 ECTS Credits
- Passing of the Comprehensive State Final Exam
- Defending of the M.A. Diploma Thesis

Mandatory Courses *	Elective Courses **	
Semester I		ECTS Credits
History of Feminist Theories		8
Research Methods in Gender Studies		8
Academic Writing and Literary Theory		8
	Gender and the Body – and/or –	6
	Queer Cinema – and/or –	6
	Feminism and Environmental Movements	6
<i>Total ECTS Credits after One Semester of Study:</i>		Min. 30
Semester II		
Politics of Identity and Sexualities		8
Feminist Cultural Studies		8
Diploma Thesis Seminar I. – Preparation		3
	Gender and Migration – and/or –	6
	Gender, Nature, and Culture – and/or –	6
	Gender and Sexuality in Communism	6
<i>Total ECTS Credits after Two Semesters of Study:</i>		Min. 60
Semester III		
Diploma Thesis Seminar II. – Research		5
	Race and Reproduction – and/or –	6
	Gender and the Media – and/or –	6
	Queer Cinema – and/or –	6
	Feminism and Environmental Movements	6
<i>Total ECTS Credits after Three Semesters of Study:</i>		Min. 90
Semester IV		
Diploma Thesis Seminar III. – Writing		8
	Postcolonial Studies – and/or –	6
	Contemporary Feminist Theories – and/or –	6
	Independent Study: Special Topics – and/or –	6
	Methods of Promoting Gender Equality	4
<i>Total ECTS Credits after Four Semesters of Study:</i>		Min. 120
Comprehensive State Final Examination		
Students are eligible to take the Comprehensive State Final Exam <i>only after</i> successful completion of all mandatory courses and completion of minimum of 120 ECTS credits.		
Comprehensive State Final M.A. Exam in Feminist Theories and Research Methods		N/A
Defense of the M.A. Diploma Thesis		N/A

* **Mandatory courses are offered in a required sequence** and students must take them exactly in the order and semesters outlined in this study plan.

** **Elective courses vary from semester to semester!!!** and students can take them in different order and numbers than suggested in this model study plan as long as they complete the required minimum of ECTS credits in any given semester/academic year. Students are also allowed to take approved elective courses worth 12 ECTS credits outside of the department in order to complete the 120 ECTS credits.