Sexuality Studies

BA, iBA | www.glendon.yorku.ca/sexuality-studies

Be part of an exciting community of scholars, teachers, writers and activists who are producing new ways of thinking about sex, gender and sexuality. Alongside these dynamic instructors, you’ll explore sexuality around the world in relation to categories of difference, identity and power, such as ability, age, class, gender, ethnicity, race and religion. You’ll investigate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, intersexed, heterosexual and heteronormative identities and cultures – along with alternative ways of organizing sexualities, and alternatives to sexuality in the past, present and future. You’ll also have the opportunity to take relevant courses in fields such as history, literature, philosophy, political science and sociology.

“As a student in the Sexuality Studies program, I enjoyed connecting with my professors, who helped me hone my focus in the field. I was able to incorporate what I learned in lectures and apply it to my on-campus work with our student club GLgbt*.” — Matt T., BA’ 17

Boost Your Major

- Join SexGen, a program at Keele Campus that addresses sexual and gender diversity in university policy, academics and the general university environment
- Sexuality Studies is available as a bilingual or trilingual international bachelor of arts (iBA)
- Visit our Glendon Women and Trans Centre, which offers resources, seminars and activities

Skills You’ll Earn

- Understand the political and social issues of Sexuality Studies and debates in different cultures, religions and histories
- Gain exposure to the artistic, cultural, economic, literary and psychological aspects of sexuality
- Become familiar with core issues in contemporary Sexuality Studies and important debates in gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual communities

Career Paths

As a Sexuality Studies graduate, you’ll be well-equipped to become a leader and changemaker. You can choose to pursue grad studies or additional qualifications for careers such as:

- Adult education teacher
- Child development specialist
- Education policy consultant
- Life coach
- Public policy analyst
- Social worker
- Sex educator
- Therapist
- Women’s rights activist

Your Quest Starts Here
Your Path To Success

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**First Year**
- Attend an enrolment-planning workshop with the Academic Advising team
- Check your program requirements in the Academic Calendar
- Start/continue your language journey; visit our language-learning support centres
- Enrol in Introduction to Sexuality Studies to get an overview of the field
- Attend an enrolment-planning workshop with the Academic Advising team
- Contact the Learning Centre
- Meet the Student Life Coordinator
- Visit the Salon francophone or ESL Open Learning Centre
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**Middle Years**
- Become a Peer Mentor
- Develop leadership skills in the Student Union
- Represent students’ voices in university governance/committees
- Join clubs, such as Glendon Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans Organization, Feminist Action!, Black Women Bridging Borders and Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line
- Become a Student Ambassador or Research Assistant
- Volunteer in a local organization, such as Let’s Stop AIDS, Supporting Our Youth, Nellie’s, Oasis Centre Pour Femmes
- Develop leadership skills in the Student Union
- Become a Glendon Ambassador

**Final Year**
- Enrol in Critical Foundations in Sexuality Studies and Transnational Sexualities, which has a special emphasis on African, Asian, Caribbean, Latin American, Middle Eastern and Indigenous contexts
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**Other Skills You’ll Earn**

**Academics**
- Present your thoughts clearly and intelligently in written statements and opinion pieces
- Deduce information from various sources and concentrate on relevant resources
- Critically analyze problems, think creatively and make sound decisions while considering different sides of an argument
- Clearly explain complex ideas to others and apply complex theoretical concepts to everyday practice and professional dilemmas
- Collect and assess various types of information, analyze and incorporate potential links from different fields, put them into writing, and efficiently convey your message and the goal of your work

**Get Involved**
- Interpret and analyze information presented by peers, and efficiently and constructively support or challenge their proposals, theories, ideas and reports in order to achieve a project’s intended and successful result
- Lead and interact with a variety of people with different approaches, and personal and professional backgrounds
- Work effectively in group situations, participating in decision-making, leading and contributing in various capacities to the success of the team and task
- Debate, persuade, mediate and present your thoughts and opinions to others
- Recognize and incorporate other solutions or applications to problems

**Gain Experience**
- Choose to pursue Sexuality Studies as an international bachelor of arts, or iBA; acquire an international language
- Go on exchange at one of York’s partner universities abroad
- Learn another language – 20 languages are taught at Glendon and Keele Campuses, including French, Spanish and Ojibwe!
- Develop your intercultural skills
- Build your transferable skills by participating in workshops about skills and career development
- Explore career options and learn more about the skills required
- Discover career opportunities by connecting with alumni
- Book an appointment with the Career Centre to start working on your resumé, cover letters and interview skills
- Join an association, such as the World Association for Sexual Health
- Attend Glendon’s Bilingual Job Fair and networking events
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**Admission Requirements**
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, with average* of mid-to-high 70’s
- A minimum of six 4U or 4M courses, including 4U English (ENG4U) or FRA4U
- A combination of U and M courses; OACs are accepted
- Proficiency in English OR French
- Average is calculated based on the top six 4U; 4M or DU courses

**Get In Touch**
- Domestic students: liaison@glendon.yorku.ca
- International students: international@glendon.yorku.ca
- Attend one of our events!