

Admission Requirements

The programme is designed for graduate students from all professional or academic backgrounds holding a University First Degree (Bachelor) with a minimum average of B. Graduates with lower qualifications that show proven capabilities and/or sufficient work experience may be also considered for admission. Since English is the language of instruction at AUW, applicants must also meet the specified English proficiency requirements before they can be admitted. This Master programme is for female students only.

Degree Award

For the award of a Master Degree, students must pass all courses and obtain a minimum accumulative average of "B" (70%).

Career Opportunities

Our prospective graduates can pursue careers in a wide range of areas of specialisation and in various types of institutions including federal and state governments, academic and research institutions, national and international NGOs and civil society organization. Also, master degrees allow students to continue their studies by pursuing a Doctoral Degree.

Steps to Apply

All eligible students must fill in the University application form and attach all requested items.

- Copy of University degree and transcripts
- English proficiency certificate (CPE/5 TOEFL) or the AUW English exam result.
- Two academic/work reference letters
- Copy of ID/Passport

The University graduate application form is available at the registrar office of the RIGDPR and its webpage. It can also be requested to the RIGDPR email address.

Deadlines for Registration

1st submission of Applications: January

2nd submission of Applications: April

3rd Intake of Interviews: July

Please contact the Registrar at the RIGDPR to get the application form.

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Ahfad University for Women

Regional Institute of Gender,
Diversity, Peace and Rights
(RIGDPR)



Master Programme in Gender and Development (GAD)



The RIGDPR aspires to create a society where women and men are viewed and treated equally and are fully respected, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic and political background, and to create conditions in which all live in peace, dignity, and their rights are protected and respected in a society free from all forms of abuse and violations.



Introduction

Ahfad University has been offering courses on Women Studies since 1986. In 1997 it started a graduate programme offering a master in Gender and Development, which led to the establishment of the Institute of Women, Gender and Development (IWGD) in 2000. A Ph.D. Programme in Gender and Development Studies was also launched in 2001. In 2008, it launched a master in Gender and Peace Studies.

In January 2010, thanks to the five year project RIGDPR funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, the old IWGD was promoted to become the **Regional Institute of Gender, Diversity, Peace and Rights** (RIG/DPR). Among other things, it works through a partnership with other African Universities to build capacities at higher education level in Africa, and to promote gender equality and human rights in diversity contexts. On this basis, it is launching a new Master programme in Gender and Governance.

The new RIGDPR inherits the good work of the previous years, and continues to offer the first Master programme it launched more than ten years ago, although in an updated and improved version. The many students that continue to register for it after so long is a clear sign of the need for this Master in Gender and Development, and also of its success.

Aim of the programme

This programme is aiming to reach gender equality in the areas of cooperation development and policy making. The aim of the programme is to contribute to fulfill the agenda of women's empowerment and enhance efficiency in participation in development projects and policies. Moreover, to improve the capacities of graduates by making them more able to compete and work in various fields, especially in areas related to women in development processes.

Learning Outputs

The programme consists of a comprehensive and interdisciplinary package of specialized courses that will enable students to:

1. Master knowledge and critical and analytical skills on issues related to gender, women's rights and empowerment in development contexts at national and international levels.
2. Understand the different approaches towards gender and development.
3. Articulate and develop change strategies for the promotion of gender equality within development processes and organizations.
4. Independently carry out research work related to gender and development.

Course Sequence and Credit Distribution

The Master programme runs over a period of 18 months and includes eleven specialized courses in addition to fieldwork and research dissertations making 39 CHs distributed as follows:

Semester 1: Total of 12 CHs (July – Nov)

Gender and Feminism Concepts and Theories
Gender and Multiculturalism
Peace and Conflict Concepts and Theories
Development Concepts and Theories

Semester 2: Total 12 CHs (Dec - April)

Gender and the Economy
Gender and the State
Gender Sensitive Policies and Planning
Research Methods

Semester 3 and 4: Total 15 CHs (May –Nov)

Fieldwork
Gender, Peace and the Media
Gender and Global Challenges
Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development