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BARBADOS, WEST INDIES



INSTITUTE FOR GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES: NITA BARROW UNIT

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

**Minors in:
Gender Studies
Gender and
Development Studies**

INTRODUCTION

*‘Almost everything is political. The air we breathe is political.
Equality, development and health are all political.’*

*Dame Nita Barrow, in an interview with New York Times;
February 27, 1985*

Are you driven to change the world? Passionate about social change?

Then give yourself a competitive and analytical advantage with a **Minor in Gender Studies** or **Gender and Development Studies**, offered by the **Institute for Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit** (IGDS: NBU).

In our undergraduate, graduate, diploma and certificate programmes, students unravel the complexity of Caribbean gender relations in all aspects of daily life. Teaching is guided by feminist theories and gender & development perspectives, principles, practices and research.

The IGDS: NBU offers an array of undergraduate courses in Women's/ Gender/Feminist Studies, Gender and Development Studies, Sexuality Studies and Critical Studies on Men and Masculinities. Many of the Institute's undergraduate courses carry no prerequisites and students from all faculties are encouraged to choose electives from the Institute. In addition, **our lecturers have been consistently ranked by students as some of the best on Campus.**

CAREER PATHS IN GENDER & DEVELOPMENT

- Gender Specialist in State and Development Agencies
- Communications
- Education
- Civil Society Development
- Public Policy and Policy Development
- Diplomacy
- Social Researcher

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION

Minor in Gender Studies

Students will complete six courses, three of which will comprise courses organised and taught by the IGDS:NBU. Students pursuing the Minor are required to complete the following courses:

Level I

GEND 1103 Theoretical Concepts and Sources of Knowledge

Level II/III

GEND 2201 Women's Studies I: An Introduction to Feminist Theories **OR**

GEND 2202 Women's Studies: Women and Development in The Caribbean

GEND 3701 Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Theoretical Perspectives **OR**

GEND 3702 Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Contemporary Issues

The other three courses may include additional courses offered by the IGDS:NBU. Alternatively, courses may be selected from approved Faculty-based courses with a strong concentration in Women's/Gender/Feminist Studies, Gender and Development Studies, Sexuality Studies or Critical Studies on Men and Masculinities. These include:

GEND 2005 Crimes by and Against Women: Theories, Evidence and Popular Portrayals

GEND 2015 Gender, Sexuality and Race in Caribbean Culture

GEND 2501 Women Leadership and Change in Developing Countries

GEND 3703 Feminist Critiques of Development Theories: Implications for Policy and Planning

GEND 3705 Gender and Sexuality

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION *cont'd.*

SOCI 3027	Gender and Development
HUMN 2702	Women Writers from Africa and the Caribbean
LITS 2502	Caribbean Women Writers
HIST 3003	Gender in Caribbean History
HIST 3312	Women in 20th Century Africa
HIST 3033	Gender, Race and Medicine
HIST 3403	Women in Europe since 1750
LING 2501	Language, Gender and Society
SPAN 2702	Latin American Women Writers
PHIL 3500	Philosophy and Gender
PHIL 3510	Philosophy of Sex and Love

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**Minor in Gender and Development Studies**

Minor in Gender and Development with Political Science and Sociology students will complete five courses, three of which must be courses organised and taught by the IGDS:NBU. Students pursuing the Minor are required to complete the following courses:

Level I

GEND 1103	Theoretical Concepts and Sources of Knowledge
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Level II/III

GEND 2201	Women's Studies: Introduction to Feminist Theories OR
GEND 2202	Women's Studies: Women and Development in the Caribbean
GEND 3701	Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Theoretical Perspectives OR
GEND 3702	Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Contemporary Issues

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES *cont'd.*

The other two courses may include additional courses offered by the IGDS:NBU. Alternatively, courses may be selected from approved Faculty-based courses with a strong concentration in Women's/ Gender/Feminist Studies, Gender and Development Studies, Sexuality Studies or Critical Studies on Men and Masculinities. These include:

GEND 2005	Crimes By and Against Women: Theories, Evidence and Popular Portrayals
GEND 2015	Gender, Sexuality and Race in Caribbean Culture
GEND 2110	Gender and Caribbean Economic Relations
GEND 2501	Women Leadership and Change in Developing Countries
GEND 3703	Feminist Critiques of Development Theories: Implications for Policy and Planning
GEND 3705	Gender and Sexuality
GOVT 2000	Women and Politics
LAW 3260	Gender and the Law
SOCI 3027	Gender and Development
PSYC 2017	Gender and Psychology



Minor in GENDER STUDIES and Minor in GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Students from the Faculties of **Humanities and Education** and **Social Sciences** are eligible for the Minor in **Gender Studies** and **Gender and Development Studies** respectively.

Students from the Faculty of Humanities and Education who are pursuing the Minor are required to complete six courses, three of which must be offered by IGDS: NBU.

Students pursuing the Minor with a Major in **Political Science** or **Sociology** from the **Faculty of Social Sciences** are required to complete five courses, three of which must be offered by the IGDS: NBU.

Our offerings are tailored to meet the specific needs of students and partners to ensure the Institute remains relevant while maintaining its commitment to excellent research, teaching and outreach.



Research & Outreach

Engage in our exciting learning opportunities!

Promoting Agency Trust and Hope among incarcerated Barbadian Youth (PATH)

The Promoting Agency Trust and Hope among Incarcerated Barbadian Youth project uses the science of character building to promote a set of developmental actions for youth resident at the Government Industrial Schools (GIS). This is the first project of its kind in Barbados (and perhaps the Caribbean) and has received the support of the Ministry of Home Affairs, which the schools fall under. *This initiative is graciously funded by the Templeton World Charities Foundation.*

PATH hopes to integrate developmental science into older models of juvenile detention practices in the Caribbean by forging engaged community relationships. These are positive, personal relationships between incarcerated adolescents and members of their wider communities. The GIS population is well-suited to developmental interventions such as these, since more than 80% of them are detained for non-violent status offences such as wandering, arising in circumstances of family breakdown, domestic displacement or parental abandonment. Implementation will occur through two main components, which are:

1. Interventions to promote awareness of the science of character development and to facilitate community engagement with incarcerated adolescents at the GIS.
2. Interventions to build community relationships for young offenders promoting agency, trust and hope.

The PATH Project's mentorship programme is a recognised Give Back Initiative at The UWI Cave Hill.

Our students have benefited from several learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom through our research and outreach projects:

The LIVITY Project

The LIVITY Project is a four-year, seven-country partnership of the Institute for Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit (IGDS: NBU) at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, the Barbados Council for the Disabled (BCD) and the Eastern Caribbean Alliance for Diversity and Equality (ECADE), which is an umbrella Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Civil Society Organisation (CSO) headquartered in St Lucia.

The LIVITY Project is funded by the European Union and targets Barbados, Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Lucia. The objective of this initiative is to meaningfully address marginalisation, discrimination and exclusion of persons with disabilities, LGBTI Caribbean citizens, women, girls, youth and the elderly in national and regional decision-making processes through enhancing CSO capacity and participation.

Caribbean Institute in Gender and Development Studies

The Caribbean Institute in Gender and Development Studies (CIGAD) is the region's premier gender and development certificate programme. Administered biennially by the Institute for Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit (IGDS: NBU), the programme strengthens the capacity for promoting the well-being of women and men by building feminist knowledge and imparting the skills of gender analysis, by introducing participants to the theoretical and methodological approaches to gender relations.

The curriculum is designed to impart specific knowledge and skills relevant to solving the social, economic and political challenges facing Caribbean societies.

Gender and Infrastructure Certificate, Water Sector Resilience Nexus for Sustainability in Barbados project

Climate change is expected to affect Barbados through an increasing severity of tropical storms and hurricanes, leading to serious impact on water supply from groundwater resources. The **Water Sector Resilience Nexus for Sustainability in Barbados** (WSRN S-Barbados) project will increase water security via the installation of photovoltaic solar and backup natural gas power for pumping stations, while implementing climate resilience actions in the water sector, including through a water sector master plan, enhancing infiltration, and by reducing non-revenue water and improving overall water management.

The baseline gender analysis for this project revealed that Barbados did not have a gender training component that addressed infrastructure, especially in the water and energy sectors. Given the growing recognition of the importance of gender in infrastructural projects to build resilience and increase sustainability by governments and funding agencies, a training workshop and materials will be developed, spearheaded by the IGDS:NBU, that can be mainstreamed across Barbados and the Caribbean.

The training will be delivered to 500 BWA employees, contractors, project partners, and other key stakeholders in Barbados.

Listen to our graduates!

I was really impressed that it drew a lot from within the Caribbean space which made issues more relatable. The in-class discussions and guest speakers really bring to life the content and materials within the classroom.

I feel more confident and self-assured especially with this new knowledge I am able to see and analyze issues from a different perspective. I am a bit more aware and critical of my words and actions especially of the ones closest to me and when biases of gender come into play.

Lisa Edwards, Guyana

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