Gender, Justice, & Environmental Change

Graduate Specialization

About GenCen

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) is an interdisciplinary center in International Studies and Programs focused on gender, sexuality, feminist theory, and women's studies. Its affiliated faculty and students study how people from diverse racial, ethnic, national, and sexual backgrounds live in and engage with the world and how processes of global change affect gender relations locally, nationally, and internationally. Please visit gencen.msu.edu for more information about our office and programs.

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Gender, Justice & Environmental Change (GJEC) is an elective graduate specialization at MSU. Building on MSU’s rich history of education, research, and extension, particularly in relation to agriculture, rural areas, environment, and natural resources, GJEC is the first program of its kind to focus on local and global intersections of gender, social and environmental justice, and environmental change.

The program offers graduate students a supportive and rigorous academic environment for engaging in interdisciplinary research on these issues. The program is designed to:
- provide students from different disciplinary backgrounds with analytical and methodological tools to address environmental and natural resource issues from gender and social justice perspectives;
- provide students with a global perspective on environmental and agricultural issues; and
- foster the growth of research, service, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Potential areas of scholarship that focus on the intersections of gender, class, race, and ethnicity include:
- environmental politics of international issues, such as biotechnology and globalization;
- grassroots environmental justice movements;
- use and management of natural resources;
- feminist political economy; and
- human-environment relations in history and literature.

Student Financial Support

Fellowships for dissertation research and completion are available for GJEC students with projects focusing on gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change. For information about this and other funding opportunities, visit gencen.msu.edu/graduate-students/funding.

Once admitted to their chosen home department, students may enroll in GJEC by designing their individual program with the GenCen Graduate Advisor (gencenga@msu.edu). Please visit our website (gencen.msu.edu/graduate-students/gjec-program) for policy and elective course listings.

Requirements:
1. Two core courses (6 credits)
   - CSUS 858 - GJEC: Issues and Concepts
     Cross-listed in: ANP, CJ, FOR, FW, GEO, SOC, and WS
   - ANP 859 - GJEC: Methods and Applications
     Cross-listed in: FOR, FW, GEO, and SOC
2. One relevant policy course (3 credits)
3. One relevant elective course (3 credits)