

The aim of the MSc in Equality and Diversity is to provide students with an opportunity to examine the range of social science issues related to promoting equality and diversity (e.g. equality and diversity issues in legislation, governance, the state, the public and private sectors and the voluntary sector). The contemporary equalities landscape is changing with new duties to promote equality and the creation of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. This programme of study will give students the opportunity to review debates, investigate substantive issues, and develop the analytic and empirical skills for effective equalities practice.

Cardiff is one of the premier academic institutions in Britain and Europe for the study of equality and diversity. The MSc in Equality and Diversity is a leading degree in this subject area. Our staff are at the forefront of research in this field. Students at Cardiff benefit from being at one of the top ten research universities in Britain. Postgraduate students are a growing proportion of students in the social sciences. They have access to a dedicated Graduate Centre and computer facilities. The degree programme is supported by small group seminars and supervision by academic staff.

Teaching

The MSc is taught by internationally renowned scholars in one of the foremost equality research groups in the UK. Modules include:

- Principles and Practice of Research Design
- Contemporary Social Theory
- Mainstreaming Gender Equality (weekend module)
- Contemporary Developments in Equality Theory & Practice
- Inclusive Governance: Power, Politics and Policy

- Dissertation (20,000 words)

Past dissertation titles include:

- A Critical Evaluation of Equalities Training in Government
- A Study of Equality and Diversity Strategies in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs).
- Has Devolution Delivered Inclusive Governance in Wales? A Study of Ethnic Minority Participation in Policymaking.
- Are the Aims and Implementation of the Welsh Assembly Government's Strategy for Older People Consonant with Mainstreaming Equality? A Critical Evaluation of Policy
- An Exploration of Gender Budgeting in a Government Agency
- An Examination of the Portrayal of Black and Minority Ethnic People in Television Advertising
- A Study of Women's Political Representation in Post-devolution Wales
- Refugee Housing Support: A Critical Evaluation of Policy and Service Delivery

Programme Elements

To obtain the masters degree students must successfully complete taught courses to the value of 120 credits and a 20,000 word dissertation. The programme is divided into the following elements:

Course Modules: The format of the modules varies. Most are taught in an intensive "weekend" format. This entails a programme of study that runs from a Thursday afternoon through to a Saturday afternoon – followed by a number of weekly seminars after the "weekend" module component. However, some modules such as SIT001 are delivered as a weekly lecture course - with accompanying seminars. Prior to commencing their studies students

should familiarise themselves with the attendance requirements of the various taught components of the degree scheme.

Dissertation: The dissertation is a crucial element of the degree allowing candidates to specialise on an Equality and Diversity topic of their choosing. This stage of the MSc gives students the opportunity to apply the methodological and analytic skills developed in the taught element of the scheme to a specific topic.

Academic Staff

Dr Paul Chaney

Professor Ralph Fevre

Professor Teresa Rees

Professor Andrew Pithouse

Professor Susan Baker

Professor Mark Drakeford

Period of Study

The period of study is twenty-four months. The dissertation is begun in the second semester of the second year and completed during the summer months. The summer is a period of independent research with one to one supervision.

Admission Requirements

Applications for study are invited in any area that falls within the School's broad remit. Before applying, it is advisable for potential applications to use the School's website to familiarise themselves with the expertise of its staff.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis. There is no deadline.