

SCHOOL OF GENDER, RACE & NATIONS

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Graduate Certificate in Gender, Race & Nations serves the needs of an array of students and professionals in fields such as public policy, education, urban studies, social work, counseling, and other disciplines across the social sciences and humanities. Currently admitted students can apply to add the certificate to any graduate program at Portland State or it can be taken as a stand alone program.

The SGRN Graduate Certificate Program provides knowledge and skills for students and professionals to better serve their target populations and communities through an activist, scholarly, and applied approach. The program can enhance the interdisciplinary scope of graduate study for students and professionals whose careers can benefit by pursuing coursework on race, immigration, gender, sexuality, nationality, Indigeneity, power, intersectionality, and social justice.

What is the structure of the graduate certificate?

The graduate certificate consists of 24 credits:

- **Required Courses (8 Credits)**
 - GRN 515 - Constructions of Power and Knowledge
 - GRN 520 - Critical and Decolonizing Research Methodologies
- **Elective Courses (16 Credits)**
 - Courses across all four units of the School of Gender, Race & Nations, as well as selected courses from other programs. For more information on pre-approved elective courses that you can braid into your certificate, schedule an appointment with our program advisor, Professor Sally McWilliams (mcwil@pdx.edu).

New to Graduate Studies at PSU?

The GRN Graduate Certificate application consists of:

- Application fee of \$65 (the fee is waived for McNair scholars; contact the PSU Graduate School for details)
- TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE-Academic scores (for applicants whose first language is not English)
- Statement of purpose (500 words) explaining your reasons for choosing to undertake the Graduate Certificate in Gender, Race and Nations.
- An unofficial transcript from each post-secondary institution you have attended
- Letter of Recommendation from one academic (or other) professional who can comment on your academic performance or attest to your skills as they pertain to your selected program of study.

You can apply online at: www.pdx.edu/admissions/apply-to-grad-school

Are you a current PSU graduate student?

The application process has never been easier. If you're interested in applying for the Gender, Race & Nations graduate certificate, please submit a **Statement of purpose** (500 words) explaining your reasons for choosing to undertake the Graduate Certificate as well as a **GO-19 Form** (available at the PSU Graduate School) which denotes your interest in adding the GRN Graduate Certificate as a concurrent program of study.

Once completed, the form should be emailed to our program coordinator, Josh Powell (josh@pdx.edu), under the subject line "SGRN admissions Committee | GO-19 Application." Once the admissions committee has made a recommendation decision regarding your application, the form will be processed by the PSU Graduate School and you will receive an electronic notification of acceptance from our program coordinator.

Applications for Spring 2021 admission are due February 1st.

Black Studies | Chicano/Latino Studies | Indigenous Nations Studies | Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies