

Programme Specification (Postgraduate) Date created/amended: December.2019, for students entering in 2021/22

1. Programme title(s):

MA in Media, Gender, and Social Justice (180 credits)

Postgraduate Diploma in Media, Gender, and Social Justice (120 credits)*

Postgraduate Certificate in Media, Gender, and Social Justice (60 credits)*

*Exit awards only.

2. Awarding body or institution:

University of Leicester

3. a) Mode of study:

Full time

b) Type of study:

Campus-based

4. Registration periods:

The normal period of registration for the Master of Arts (180 credits) is 12 months

The maximum period of registration for the Master of Arts (180 credits) is 24 months

5. Typical entry requirements:

In recognition of the interdisciplinary nature of this programme as well as the diverse experiences that may enhance study and employment in social justice fields, admissions for this programme will acknowledge and credit a range of prior experiences and qualifications.

Applicants must have **either** a first or second class degree (or international equivalent) in a relevant social sciences or humanities subject area, **or** be able to demonstrate equivalent professional or vocational skills based on their work experiences. We will recognize a range of relevant experiences from both voluntary and compensated work within grassroots, public, private, or NGO sectors internationally, but evidence of this experience must be provided.

All applicants must demonstrate a commitment to media, gender, and social justice work as well as an indication of how the programme's related fields of politics, business, international relations, criminology, human geography, and/or sociology inform their interests and future professional or study plans.

Prospective candidates seeking entry without an undergraduate degree will be asked to complete application statement indicating their relevant experience and the applicability of their background to the degree programme to demonstrate their readiness for postgraduate study in the subject area. Applicants will also be asked to have a discussion with the Programme Lead about their background and aspirations.

All applicants must satisfy the University's English language requirements as detailed in the Senate Regulations.

6. Accreditation of Prior Learning:

No accreditation of prior learning is currently recognised on this programme.

7. Programme aims:

The programme aims to:

- Provide a programme of study appropriate for those who want to pursue or develop a career in media and communication while working on gender and social justice issues across a range of international institutions.
- Produce employable graduates pursuing social justice aims through media and communication practices.
- Provide students with an inclusive, supportive, interdisciplinary, and practice-oriented learning environment with access to a range of perspectives and approaches to gender and social justice.
- Equip students with the theoretical, methodological, and practical skills in media and communication required to work in international charitable, community, NGO, grassroots, and non-profit organizations for enacting social justice-oriented direct action.
- Engage students in critical thought and action related to media and social issues in international organizations, contexts, and locales, with a particular orientation towards an intersectional approach to gender that encompasses race, ethnicity, disability, class, citizenship and migration, language, and sexuality.
- Prepare students for further graduate study and/or a career in research related to media, gender, and social justice.
- Foster amongst students an interest and aptitude for intellectual exploration, critical engagement, and theoretically-driven and research-based media action for social justice.
- Provide opportunities for students to develop a range of transferable media and communication-based skills relevant to the needs of a diversity of employers, and develop student abilities to communicate these skills to colleagues and employers across a range of sectors.

All our graduates (MA/PGDip/PGCert) should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to critically engage with theoretical, methodological and practical themes relevant to contemporary media and communication as well as related disciplinary concerns within sociology, criminology, politics, international relations, human geography, and/or business as they relate to gender and social justice.
- Demonstrate critical engagement with the role of the media in gender-based inequalities and its uses for transformative direct action for widening participation, increasing diversity, and gaining access to social and public life in a wide range of contexts and institutions for change including law, politics and policy, environmental organizations, and business, among others.
- Identify issues related to social justice across diverse international institutions, contexts, and locales, and creatively and self-reflexively develop applicable media and communication-based strategies to address these concerns.

- Develop the intellectual skills, both conceptual and methodological, appropriate to
 postgraduate study, and relate and apply these to real-world social justice problems and
 institutions.
- Work independently, collaboratively and creatively, with other students, lecturers and supervisors, and where appropriate, relevant community organizations.
- Demonstrate a range of transferable and interpersonal skills including communication, planning, and time management skills, allowing them to identify problems, evaluate and analyse situations and scenarios, consider alternative solutions, critically appraise evidence, and implement solutions.
- Plan a response to research questions through the formulation of aims, objectives and methodologies based upon a comprehensive understanding of media, gender, and social justice scholarship.
- Locate, select and analyse information relevant to a research project based on both primary fieldwork and secondary data collection.
- Construct arguments and communicate effectively in English, within an international academic and professional community.

Graduates from the MA in Media, Gender, and Social Justice should be able to:

• Plan, execute and write up an extended research project on a topic related to media, gender, and social justice, based on primary fieldwork and/or secondary data sources.

8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification:

- University of Leicester Learning and Teaching Strategy 2011-2016
- University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Report
- External Examiners' reports (annual)
- The University's annual and periodic reviews of the School of Media, Communication, and Sociology's teaching
- Student Feedback (formally through questionnaires and Staff-Student Committees; informally, for example, through student contact with module tutors, personal tutors, and programme leaders) with the School of Media, Communication, and Sociology
- The University of Leicester's Widening Participation Strategy
- The University's Equal Opportunities Statement
- University of Leicester Senate Regulations

9. Programme Outcomes:

Unless otherwise stated, programme outcomes apply to all awards specified in 1. Programme title(s).

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
(a) D	iscipline specific knowledge and com	petencies
	Knowledge	
(For PGCert) Demonstrate basic knowledge of core theories, issues, debates, methodologies, and practices related to media, gender, and social justice, as well as basic knowledge of how to apply these ideas to real	Lectures Seminars Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies, exams and tests, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, written coursework Assessed and non-assessed presentations
world problems. (For PGDIP)	Fieldwork Self-directed reading and learning	Group and individual seminar and workshop activities
Demonstrate intermediate knowledge of core theories, issues, debates, methodologies, and practices related to media, gender, and social justice, as well as intermediate knowledge of how to apply these ideas to real world problems.	Independent research	(For MA only) Research project- dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
(For MA)		
Demonstrate advanced knowledge of core theories, issues, debates, methodologies, and practices related to media, gender, and social justice, as well as sophisticated knowledge of how to apply these ideas to real world problems.		

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
	Concepts	
(For PGCert) Demonstrate a basic grasp of	Lectures Seminars	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research
major theoretical, methodological, and practical principles in media and communication for social justice as well as conceptual and practical strategies for	Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment Fieldwork	essays, case studies, exams and tests, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, written coursework Assessed and non-assessed presentations
addressing real world issues. (For PGDIP)	Self-directed reading and learning	Group and individual seminar and workshop activities
Demonstrate a strong grasp of major theoretical, methodological, and practical principles in media and communication for social justice as well as conceptual and practical strategies for addressing real world issues.	Independent research	(For MA only) Research project- dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
(For MA)		
Demonstrate a sophisticated grasp of major theoretical, methodological, and practical principles in media and communication for social justice as well as conceptual and practical strategies for addressing real world issues.		

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
	Techniques	
(For PGCert)	Lectures	Module assignments including
(For PGCert) Demonstrate a grasp of the application of core theories and concepts related to media, gender, and social justice to international institutions, contexts, and locales through their identification, assessment, and evaluation in specific situations and scenarios. (For PGDIP) Demonstrate a strong grasp of the application of core theories and concepts related to media, gender, and social justice to international institutions, contexts, and locales through their identification, assessment, and evaluation in specific situations and scenarios. (For MA)	Techniques	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, written coursework Assessed and non-assessed presentations Group and individual seminar and workshop activities (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
Demonstrate a mastery of the application of core theories and		
concepts related to media, gender, and social justice to international institutions,		
contexts, and locales through their identification, assessment, and evaluation in specific situations and scenarios.		

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
	Critical analysis	
(For PGCert)	Lectures	Module assignments including
Basic ability to critically assess	Seminars	seminar papers,
and apply core media and communication concepts and	Workshops	essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies,
methods independently,	Student-led group work	research reflection and research
rigorously, and self-reflectively.	Feedback on formative and	design activities, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, written
(For PGDIP)	summative assessment	coursework
Intermediate ability to critically	Fieldwork	Assessed and non-assessed
assess and apply core media and communication concepts	Self-directed reading and learning	presentations
and methods independently,	Independent research	Group and individual seminar and
rigorously, and self-reflectively.		workshop activities
(For MA)		(For MA only) Research project-
Advanced ability to critically		dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
assess and apply core media		,
and communication concepts and methods independently,		
rigorously, and self-reflectively.		

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
	Presentation	
(For PGCert) Ability at a basic level to organise research material	Lectures Seminars	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research
appropriately for formative and summative assessment, both written and oral, communicating results clearly while distinguishing between	Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment	essays, case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, research reflection and research design activities, written coursework Assessed and non-assessed
relevant and non-relevant materials.	Fieldwork	presentations
(For PGDIP)	Self-directed reading and learning Independent research	Group and individual seminar and workshop activities
Ability at an intermediate level to organise research material appropriately for formative and summative assessment, both written and oral, communicating results clearly while distinguishing between relevant and non-relevant materials.		(For MA only) Research project- dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
(For MA)		
Ability at an advanced level to organise research material appropriately for formative and summative assessment, both written and oral, communicating results clearly while distinguishing between relevant and non-relevant materials.		

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
	Appraisal of evidence	
(For PGDIP and PGCert)	Lectures	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning,
Ability to demonstrate the analysis and assessment of	Seminars	journal article review, research
complex conceptual and	Workshops	essays, case studies, letter to an MP,
practical issues related to media	Student-led group work	briefing paper, report, written coursework
and social justice. Ability to demonstrate	Feedback on formative and summative assessment	Assessed and non-assessed presentations
knowledge of how to identify,	Fieldwork	Group and individual seminar and
organize, and evaluate data from primary and secondary	Self-directed reading and learning	workshop activities
sources, and to understand, develop, and assess arguments based on this data.	Independent research	(For MA only) Research project- dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
(For MA)		
Ability to demonstrate at an advanced level the analysis and assessment of complex conceptual and practical issues related to media and social justice.		
Ability to demonstrate at an advanced level knowledge of how to identify, organize, and evaluate data from primary and secondary sources, and to understand, develop, and assess arguments based on this data.		
Ability to demonstrate at an advanced level a sustained independent inquiry into media and social justice issues.		

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Outcomes	(b) Transferable skills	
	Research skills	
(For PGCert and PGDIP) Ability to demonstrate intellectual independence through the identification and evaluation of relevant evidence for written and oral assignments. Ability to define, explain, and develop a research problem as well as methods to explore and develop solutions for it. Knowledge of a range of research methods, including community-engaged and practice-oriented methodologies. Ability to analyse and draw appropriate and applicable conclusions from both primary and secondary data collection. (For MA) All of the above, and additionally, ability to plan and execute an independent, longform research-based project, from proposal to conceptual and methodological review to ethical clearance to data collection and analysis to writing up results, in a time-limited period.	Lectures Seminars Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment Fieldwork Self-directed reading and learning Independent research	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, research reflection and research design activities, written coursework Assessed and non-assessed presentations Group and individual seminar and workshop activities (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
	Communication skills	
(For PGCert and PGDIP) Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral forms to academic and, where appropriate, non-academic audiences. (For MA) The above, and additionally, ability to communicate effectively to academic and, where appropriate, non-academic audiences within a long-form dissertation or extended report.	Lectures Seminars Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment Fieldwork Self-directed reading and learning Independent research	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, written coursework, practical computer-based project Assessed and non-assessed presentations Group and individual seminar and workshop activities (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
	Data presentation	
(For PGCert and PGDIP) Ability to present data and the results of analysis in both oral and written form, for academic and, where appropriate, non-academic audiences. (For MA) The above, and additionally, ability to present data and the results of analysis in a long-form written document, for academic and, where appropriate, non-academic audiences.	Lectures Seminars Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment Fieldwork Self-directed reading and learning Independent research	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, written coursework, practical computer-based project Assessed and non-assessed presentations Group and individual seminar and workshop activities (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
	Information technology	
(For PGCert and PGDIP)	Lectures	Module assignments including
Grasp of the resources afforded by digital media for social justice campaigns. Ability to make use of digital resources for conducting academic research, both in terms of locating resources and evaluating these resources for their appropriateness and reliability. Ability to use the University's online resources (e.g. Blackboard, Reflect, electronic reading lists, digital library databases). (For MA)	Seminars Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment Fieldwork Self-directed reading and learning Independent research	seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, research reflection and research design activities, written coursework, practical computer-based project Assessed and non-assessed presentations Group and individual seminar and workshop activities (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
All of the above, and additionally, an advanced grasp of the use of digital media in social justice work based on the dissertation/extended report.		

Intended Learning	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
Outcomes	Problem solving	
(For PGCert and PGDIP)	Module assignments including	
Ability to identify specific social justice issues within particular international institutional contexts, form research objectives to address these concerns, and critically select and apply appropriate methods for their analysis and resolution. Ability to critically identify, assess, and analyse primary and secondary materials for addressing research questions. (For MA) All of the above, and additionally, advanced skills in identification, assessment, and analysis of real-world problems based on the dissertation/extended report.	Seminars Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment Fieldwork Self-directed reading and learning Independent research	seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, research reflection and research design activities, written coursework Assessed and non-assessed presentations Group and individual seminar and workshop activities (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)
(For DCCort and DCDID)	Working relationships	Croup comings and workshop
(For PGCert and PGDIP) Ability to work with others and contribute to group discussions. Ability to draw on the knowledge and expertise of others, including tutors and lecturers. Ability to provide peer assessment on group presentations. (For MA) All of the above, and additionally, ability to draw on the knowledge and expertise of the supervisor and, where appropriate, community partners.	Seminars Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment Fieldwork Self-directed reading and learning Independent research (For MA only) The dissertation /extended report supervision process	Group seminar and workshop activities (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)

Intended Learning	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?	
Outcomes Managing learning			
(For PGCert and PGDIP) Ability to independently plan and execute research and writing for module assessments within set amounts of time. Ability to manage programme expectations and workload across the year. Ability to identify, evaluate, and organize research materials, including the time management required in primary and secondary research. (For MA) All of the above, and additionally, time management in the process of the long-form research entailed in the dissertation/extended report	Lectures Seminars Workshops Student-led group work Feedback on formative and summative assessment Fieldwork Self-directed reading and learning Independent research (For MA only) The dissertation /extended report supervision process	Module assignments including seminar papers, essay planning, journal article review, research essays, case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, report, research reflection and research design activities, written coursework, practical computer-based project Assessed and non-assessed presentations Group and individual seminar and workshop activities (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)	
	Career management		
(For PGCert and PGDIP) Ability to reflexively assess personal and professional skills and identify areas requiring development and support. Ability assess potential career pathways and employers. (For MA) All of the above, and additionally, drawing on engagement with community groups, networking for potential future work	The Personal Tutor system, and self-reflection on essay assignment feedback Self-reflection is built into a variety of formative and summative activities in lectures, seminars, workshops, and group work (For MA only) The dissertation /extended report supervision process	Module assignments including case studies, letter to an MP, briefing paper, written coursework, practical computer-based project Essay assignment feedback and personal development planning Self-awareness demonstrated in personal tutorials (For MA only) Research project-dissertation or Extended Report (Action Research)	

10. Special features

This programme features a focus on practical applications of theoretical and conceptual issues, iterative and peer-assessed projects, built-in interdisciplinary learning, ability to flexibly tailor interests related to the broad topic of media, gender, and social justice through optional module selection, and an option for a practice-centered final research project. In the case of the latter, students have the opportunity to work with a community organization to develop transformative tools for a media and communication problem being faced through the Extended Report (Action Research).

11. Indicators of programme quality

This programme will be monitored for quality assurance via the same methods as other PGT offerings in the School of Media, Communication, and Sociology. There will be an academic Programme Director responsible for ensuring the overall quality of the programme throughout the year. In the first years the programme is offered, there will be a meeting each semester with the teaching team to review student progress and feedback (reported via a staff-student committee and online student evaluations) and comments from tutors. These discussions will be reported back to the Teaching Committee to ensure any action required is responded to fully and in a timely fashion. The programme will also be reviewed annually at the Teaching Committee under the guidance of the Director of Academic Programmes.

Additionally, the Programme will appoint a designated External Examiner to offer written feedback on programme quality. Quality will also be assured via PGT Panel and Progression Boards, where module leaders reflect on their courses and overall student achievement.

12. Scheme of Assessment:

As defined in <u>Senate Regulation 6:</u> Regulations governing taught postgraduate programmes of study.

13. Progression points

As defined in Senate Regulation 6: Regulations governing taught postgraduate programmes of study.

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Examiners for an intermediate award where appropriate.

14. Rules relating to re-sits or re-submissions:

As defined in <u>Senate Regulation 6</u>: Regulations governing taught postgraduate programmes of study.

15. External Examiners reports

16. Additional features (e.g. timetable for admissions)

Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)

	Semester 1	Semester 2
CORE	 MS7014- Challenges in Media, Gender, and Social Justice (30 credits) MS7400- Media Research 	MS7016- Social Justice in Practice (30 credits)
	Methods (15 credits)	
OPTIONAL	15 credits of optional modules to be chosen from:	30 credits of optional modules to be chosen from:
	 MS7019 Directed Study (15 credits) 	 PL7095- Global Ethics in Practice (30 credits) MN7036- Corporate Governance (15 credits)

	PL7004- The Politics of	 CR7138- Power, Crime and Criminal Justice (15 credits)
	Human Rights (15 credit version)	 CR7148- Domestic and Sexual Violence (15 credits)
	MS7061- The Politics of	 MS7006- Global Affairs: Actors, Communication & Culture (15 credits)
	Digital Media (15 credits)	 MS7028- Technology and Social Change: Global Perspectives (15 credits)
	 MS7026- Community Radio in Practice (15 credits) 	 MS7034- International Political Communication (15 credits)
		 MS7056- Globalization of Sexuality: Culture and Media (15 credits)
		 MS7214- Gender Politics in Contemporary Media (15 credits)
		 MS7221- Media Solidarities and Human Rights (15 credits)
		 MS7085- Making the Web (15 credits)
		 SY7038- New Communication Technologies, Social Media and Digital Politics (15 credits)
		 SY7022 Race & Ethnicity (15 credits) MS7222 Critical Game Studies (15 credits)
PLUS	MS7012- Dissertation	MS7012- Dissertation
	OR	OR
	 MS7017- Extended Report (Action Research) 	MS7017- Extended Report (Action Research)

Optional modules

These modules have been selected for inclusion because their ILOs and assessment activities fit into those articulated above. Each module presents students with core concepts, challenges, and approaches to relevant fields related to media, gender, and social justice. Students may focus on one area or sample modules from each participating subject area. Their experiences across these modules will be scaffolded in terms of key challenges and fundamental practical methods through the core modules and their dissertation/Extended Report (Action Research) supervision and fieldwork.

Appendix 2: Module specifications

See module specification database http://www.le.ac.uk/sas/courses/documentation