

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGS)

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DEGREES/PROGRAMS OFFERED

3-Year BA
4-Year BA
Honours BA
Minor

INTRODUCTION

The University of Winnipeg offers three degree options for an interdisciplinary Major in Women's and Gender Studies: a 3-Year BA, a 4-Year BA, and an Honours BA. We also offer a Minor. The Department fosters an awareness and appreciation of the realities and diverse experiences of women, men, and transgender and two-spirit people, and develops a critical consciousness of the societal inequalities affecting people, including those based on gender, race, class, age, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and religion.

The Women's and Gender Studies Department is interdisciplinary, drawing significant connections among disciplines. It is also multidisciplinary, bringing together studies of sex, gender, and sexuality with analyses by specialists in various other disciplines. Directly linked with the Department of Women's and Gender Studies is the Institute for Women's and Gender Studies, a centre for art, research, and activism.

Women's and Gender Studies promotes an intersectional approach to understanding social problems and phenomena. It pays special attention to the ways sex, gender, and sexuality are shaped by colonialism, racism, ageism, homophobia and transphobia, as well as by constructions of difference based on class, (dis)ability, religion, ethnicity, and culture, among others. Our department brings these perspectives to the university, and represents feminism in the academy. In our classes, students learn about feminist movements to end sexism and related social oppressions. The department encourages diversity among its students, welcoming women, men, and trans and two-spirit persons from all cultural backgrounds. Through our curriculum, we also offer the means to contribute to social change.

Currently, there is a demonstrated need for people with training in Women's and Gender Studies to take up work in such areas as social services, education, policy development, welfare, health care, counselling and therapy, law, media, advertising, public administration, politics, finance, management, and the arts. In addition, a Women's and Gender Studies Honours degree prepares students for graduate studies.

The Department of Women's and Gender Studies participates in the Minor in Comparative Literature. For eligible courses, please see Comparative Literature in this Calendar.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	Students should consult with the Chair or a Women's and Gender Studies advisor in planning their programs.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	90 credit hours
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	
Degree:	Minimum 30 credit hours
Major:	Minimum 18 credit hours
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities:	12 credit hours in Humanities
Science:	6 credit hours in Science
Writing:	Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory Courses:	Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000 level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	Minimum 3 credit hours from each of 5 different subjects
MAJOR REQUIREMENT	
Single Major:	Minimum 36 credit hours/Maximum 48 credit hours
Double Major:	Minimum 36 credit hours in Women's and Gender Studies and specified number of credit hours in the other department/program

Required courses:	WGS-1232(6) WGS-2333(3) WGS-3302(3)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals Feminisms: Current Perspectives
It is strongly recommended that students take:	WGS-3200(6)	Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar
Combined Major:	Minimum 48 credit hours from two different majors with not less than 18 credit hours from each major subject	
Prescribed courses:	WGS-1232(6) WGS-2333(3) WGS-3302(3)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals Feminisms: Current Perspectives

Suggested Sequence of courses for 3-Year BA assuming 5 full courses for three years (with WGS required courses underlined):

Year 1	<u>WGS-1232(6)</u> Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies 6 credit hours of Academic Writing – 3 at 1000 level plus 3 at 1000 or 2000 level 12 credit hours of 1000 level Humanities courses in at least TWO different departments (of which 3 credit hours are the Indigenous requirement) An additional 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000 level
Year 2	<u>WGS-2333(3)</u> Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals <u>WGS-3302(3)</u> Feminisms: Current Perspectives 6 credit hours of University Science requirement 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000 level 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 3000 level An additional 6 credit hours elective (your choice)
Year 3	<u>WGS 3200(6)</u> Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar 12 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level An additional 12 credit hours elective (your choice) outside WGS

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	Minimum 30 credit hours completed previously. Students should consult with the Chair or a Women's and Gender Studies advisor in planning their programs.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	120 credit hours
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	
Degree:	Minimum 60 credit hours
Major:	Minimum 30 credit hours
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities:	12 credit hours in Humanities
Science:	6 credit hours in Science
Social Science:	12 credit hours in Social Science
Writing:	Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory Courses:	Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000 level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	Minimum 3 credit hours from each of 5 different subjects
MAJOR REQUIREMENT	
Single Major:	Minimum 48 credit hours/maximum 66 credit hours from Women's and Gender Studies
Double Major:	Minimum 48 credit hours in each Major subject as specified by the department/program
	Minimum 48 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses from: WGS-1232(6) Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies WGS-2333(3) Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals WGS-3302(3) Feminisms: Current Perspectives
	It is also strongly recommended that students take: WGS-3200(6) Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar

Additional Information:	Qualified students may take most 4000 level courses which require a minimum of 3.0 GPA (B) in major courses.
Combined Major:	Minimum 60 credit hours from two different majors with not less than 24 credit hours from each major subject.
Prescribed courses:	WGS-1232(6) Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies WGS-2333(3) Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals WGS-3302(3) Feminisms: Current Perspectives

Suggested Sequence of courses for 4-Year BA assuming 5 full courses for four years (**with WGS required courses** **underlined**):

Year 1	<u>WGS-1232(6)</u> Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies 6 credit hours of Academic Writing – 3 at 1000 level plus 3 at 1000 or 2000 level 12 credit hours of 1000 level Humanities courses in at least TWO different departments (of which 3 credit hours are the Indigenous requirement) An additional 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000 level
Year 2	<u>WGS-2333(3)</u> Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals <u>WGS-3302(3)</u> Feminisms: Current Perspectives 6 credit hours of University Science requirement 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000 level 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 3000 level 6 credit hours of 1000 level Social Science courses
Year 3	<u>WGS 3200(6)</u> Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar 12 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level 6 credit hours of 1000 or 2000 level Social Science courses in a DIFFERENT department than in year two 6 credit hours elective (your choice) outside WGS
Year 4	12 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies at the 2000, 3000, or 4000 level 18 credit hours elective (your choice) outside WGS

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BA IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	Minimum 30 credit hours completed previously. Minimum GPA in Honours subject of 3.0 and minimum GPA in Non-Honours subjects of 2.5. Students should consult with the Chair or a Women's and Gender Studies advisor in planning their programs.
GRADUATION GPA REQUIREMENT	120 credit hours Continuing and graduation minimum GPA is 3.0 (B) in Honours subject courses and 2.5 (C+) in Non-Honours subject courses. The minimum 3.0 GPA (B) will be based on all attempts (including course repeats and failures) in Honours subject courses. The minimum 2.5 GPA (C+) in all Non-Honours courses will be calculated as for the BA General degree (i.e., F's are not included, and in the case of repeated courses, only the highest grade will be used).
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	Degree: Minimum 60 credit hours Honours: Minimum 30 credit hours, including minimum 18 credit hours at upper level (3000/4000) of which a minimum of 9 credit hours at 4000 level
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities Science: 6 credit hours in Science Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing Indigenous: 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses Maximum Introductory Courses: Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000 level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	Minimum 3 credit hours from each of 5 different subjects
HONOURS REQUIREMENT	Single Honours: Minimum 54 credit hours/maximum 78 credit hours in Women's and Gender Studies Minimum 18 credit hours at 4000 level in Women's and Gender Studies

Double Honours: Minimum 36 credit hours in each Honours subject
 Minimum 36 credit hours/Maximum 78 credit hours in Women's and Gender Studies
 Minimum 15 credit hours in 4000 level Women's and Gender Studies Courses
 For the requirements of the other Honours subject, consult the department or program involved.

Required courses:

Minimum 54 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies with at least 18 credit hours at 4000 level:

- WGS-1232(6)** Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
- WGS-2333(3)** Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals
- WGS-3302(3)** Feminisms: Current Perspectives
- WGS-3200(6)** Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar

It is **strongly recommended** that WGS Honours students **take at least one** of the following:

- WGS-4232(3)** Practical Feminisms
- WGS-4200(3)** Advanced Feminist Theory, or
- WGS-4000(9)** WGS Practicum

Suggested Sequence of courses for BA Honours assuming 5 full courses for four years (**with WGS required courses** **underlined**):

Year 1	<u>WGS-1232(6)</u> <u>Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies</u> 6 credit hours of Academic Writing – 3 at 1000 level plus 3 at 1000 or 2000 level 12 credit hours of 1000 level Humanities courses in at least TWO different departments (of which 3 credit hours are the Indigenous requirement) An additional 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000 level
Year 2	<u>WGS-2333(3)</u> <u>Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals</u> <u>WGS-3302(3)</u> <u>Feminisms: Current Perspectives</u> 6 credit hours of University Science requirement 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000 level 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 3000 level 6 credit hours of 1000 level Social Science courses
Year 3	<u>WGS 3200(6)</u> <u>Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar</u> 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 2000 or 3000 level 6 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies courses at the 4000 level 6 credit hours of 1000 or 2000 level Social Science courses in a DIFFERENT department than in year two 6 credit hours elective (your choice) outside WGS at 2000 level or higher
Year 4	15 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies at 4000 level 15 credit hours of Women's and Gender Studies at 2000, 3000, or 4000 level

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Degree: Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor
 Minor: 18 credit hours in the Minor subject, with a minimum of 12 credit hours above the 1000 level
 Residence Requirement: Minimum 12 credit hours in the Minor subject
 Required Courses: **WGS-1232 (6)** Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies
WGS-2333 (3) Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals
WGS-3302 (3) Feminisms: Current Perspectives
 6 credit hours of Women's & Gender Studies courses of the student's choice
 Restrictions: Students cannot declare the same subject as a Major and a Minor

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students are advised to consult the Women's and Gender Studies Chair and current timetable listings for information regarding courses with Women's and Gender Studies content.

UW Women's and Gender Studies accepts WGS courses from the University of Manitoba, which will be credited towards a degree at the University of Winnipeg. For further details, please see the Chair of Women's and Gender Studies.

The following WGS courses can count for the University of Winnipeg Humanities requirement.

WGS-1232(6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	WGS-2260(3)	Girls, Women, and Popular Culture
		WGS-2262(3)	Sex, Sexuality, Gender, and Audiovisual Media
WGS-2001(3)	Gender & Folklore: A Survey	WGS-2270(3)	Food Cultures, Sex, and Gender
WGS-2251(3)	Gender, Race, and Nation in Canada	WGS-3005(3)	Gender in Fairytale Film and Cinematic Folklore
WGS-2256(3)	New Media, Culture Jamming, and the Third Wave	WGS-3040(6)	Feminist Cultural Productions
WGS-2258(3)	Boys, Men, and Masculinities on Film		

The following WGS courses can count for the University of Winnipeg Social Science requirement.

WGS-1232(6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	WGS-2416(3)	Sex, Gender, Space and Place
WGS-2251(3)	Gender, Race, and Nation in Canada	WGS-3003(3)	Sex, Sexuality and Science
WGS-2256(3)	New Media, Culture Jamming, and the Third Wave	WGS-3004(3)	Women, Health and the Environment
WGS-2260(3)	Girls, Women, and Popular Culture	WGS-3020(3)	Women and the Inner City
WGS-2270(3)	Food Cultures, Sex, and Gender	WGS-3200(6)	Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar
		WGS/BUS/POL-3321(3)	Gender and Organizations

The following WGS course can count for the University of Winnipeg Indigenous course requirement.

WGS-3001(6)	Indigenous & Critical Race Feminisms
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COURSE LISTINGS

WGS-1232(6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	WGS-3040/4040(6)	Feminist Cultural Productions
WGS-2001(3)	Gender & Folklore: A Survey	WGS-3200(6)	Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar
WGS-2251(3)	Gender, Race, and Nation in Canada	WGS-3302(3)	Feminisms: Current Perspectives
WGS-2256(3)	New Media, Culture Jamming, and the Third Wave	WGS/BUS/POL-3321(3)	Gender and Organizations
WGS-2258(3)	Boys, Men, and Masculinities on Film	WGS-3500(6)	Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies
WGS-2260(3)	Girls, Women, and Popular Culture	WGS-3501(3)	Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies
WGS-2262(3)	Sex, Sexuality, Gender, and Audiovisual Media	WGS-3900(6)	Directed Readings
WGS-2264/	Disabilities, Sexualities, and Rights	WGS-3901(3)	Directed Readings
DIS-2200 (3)		WGS-4000(9)	Women's & Gender Studies Practicum
WGS-2270(3)	Food Cultures, Sex, and Gender	WGS-4004(3)	Cultural Studies and Feminism
WGS-2333(3)	Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals	WGS-4040(6)	Feminist Cultural Productions
WGS/GEOG/	Sex, Gender, Space and Place	WGS-4100(6)	Queer Studies in the Global Postmodern
ENV-2416		WGS-4200(3)	Advanced Feminist Theory
WGS 3001(6)	Indigenous & Anti-Racist Feminisms	WGS-4232(3)	Practical Feminisms
WGS 3003(3)	Sex, Sexuality and Science	WGS-4400(6)	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WGS/ENV-3004(3)	Women, Health and the Environment	WGS-4401(3)	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WGS-3005(3)	Gender in Fairytale Film and Cinematic Folklore	WGS-4500(6)	Honours Thesis and Colloquium
WGS/DIS-3006(3)	Embodied Subjects	WGS-4900(6)	Directed Readings
WGS/UIC-3020(3)	Women and the Inner City	WGS-4901(3)	Directed Readings

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called "All Course Descriptions" in the Academic Calendar section of the University website:

<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html>