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) Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
- WGS-2333(3) Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals
- WGS-3302(3) 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) 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 3-Year BA assuming 5 full courses for three years (with WGS required courses underlined):

Year 1
- WGS-1232(6) 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
- WGS-2333(3) Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals
- WGS-3302(3) 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
- WGS 3200(6) 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
- WGS-1232(6) 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
- WGS-2333(3) Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals
- WGS-3302(3) 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
- WGS 3200(6) 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 fails) 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):

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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

Restrictions: 6 credit hours of Women’s & Gender Studies courses of the student’s choice

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.

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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-2251(3) Gender, Race, and Nation in Canada
- WGS-2256(3) New Media, Culture Jamming, and the Third Wave
- WGS-2260(3) Girls, Women, and Popular Culture
- WGS-2270(3) Food Cultures, Sex, and Gender
- WGS-2416(3) Sex, Gender, Space and Place
- WGS-3003(3) Sex, Sexuality and Science
- WGS-3004(3) Women, Health and the Environment
- WGS-3020(3) Women and the Inner City
- 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

**COURSE LISTINGS**

- WGS-1232(6) Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
- WGS-2001(3) Gender & Folklore: A Survey
- WGS-2251(3) Gender, Race, and Nation in Canada
- WGS-2256(3) New Media, Culture Jamming, and the Third Wave
- WGS-2258(3) Boys, Men, and Masculinities on Film
- WGS-2260(3) Girls, Women, and Popular Culture
- WGS-2262(3) Sex, Sexuality, Gender, and Audiovisual Media
- WGS-2264/3200(3) Disabilities, Sexualities, and Rights
- WGS-2270(3) Food Cultures, Sex, and Gender
- WGS-2333(3) Feminisms: Background and Fundamentals
- WGS/GEOR/ENV-2416 Sex, Gender, Space and Place
- WGS 3001(6) Indigenous & Anti-Racist Feminisms
- WGS 3003(3) Sex, Sexuality and Science
- WGS/ENV-3004(3) Women, Health and the Environment
- WGS-3005(3) Gender in Fairytale Film and Cinematic Folklore
- WGS/DIS-3006(3) Embodied Subjects
- WGS/UIC-3020(3) Women and the Inner City
- WGS-2416(3) Sex, Gender, Space and Place
- WGS-3003(3) Sex, Sexuality and Science
- WGS-3004(3) Women, Health and the Environment
- WGS-3020(3) Women and the Inner City
- WGS-3200(6) Feminist Research Methodologies Seminar
- WGS/BUS/POL-3321(3) Gender and Organizations
- WGS-3500(6) Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies
- WGS-3501(3) Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies
- WGS-3502(3) Feminisms: Current Perspectives
- WGS-3900(6) Directed Readings
- WGS-3901(3) Directed Readings
- WGS-4000(9) Women's & Gender Studies Practicum
- WGS-4004(3) Cultural Studies and Feminism
- WGS-4040(6) Feminist Cultural Productions
- WGS-4200(3) Advanced Feminist Theory
- WGS-4232(3) Practical Feminisms
- WGS-4400(6) Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
- WGS-4401(3) Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
- WGS-4500(6) Honours Thesis and Colloquium
- WGS-4900(6) Directed Readings
- 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