



FACULTY OF ARTS

## WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES

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**Women's & Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary program exploring gender-based experiences, cultures, and political economy.**

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Women's and Gender Studies is focused on developing a critical consciousness of societal inequalities including those based on social differences. It inquires into how people's lives are made to matter through relations of gender, race, class, religion, sexuality, age, and embodiment, and how systems of power including colonization, racism, and sexism bear upon our everyday experiences. Prioritizing the voices of Black, Indigenous and People of Colour, it fosters awareness of the realities and diverse lives of people of all genders and sexes, and advocates for social change.

The interdisciplinary nature of the Women's & Gender Studies program allows you to customize your university education to fit your educational and career goals by taking courses from a number of different disciplines or areas.

You can get a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in Women's & Gender Studies. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in Women's & Gender Studies as an additional area of interest.

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### SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates find employment in the fields of law, government and public administration, social services, education, media, science, psychology, criminal justice, politics, advocacy, social work, academia, health services, human services, business, and other areas. Examples of occupations include: advocate for hate-crime victims, director of a battered women's centre or rape crisis program, staff at a human rights organization, coordinator of a resource centre, HIV educator, cultural worker, human resources administrator, policy analyst, union leader, community development worker. Some students continue their education into graduate school.

### SAMPLE COURSES

**Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies\*** is a required course that explores the historical and current development of cultural, social, and political structures and ideas about women and gender, with particular emphasis on experiences in North America. It addresses the ways in which sexed and gendered lives are culturally configured, and how we can act to counter those structures. Our feminist and critical perspectives seek equity with respect to race, gender identity, ethnicity, class, sexuality, nationality/nationhood, Indigenous peoples, and ability.

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**Girls, Women, and Popular Culture** examines some of the myths, theories, and images of girls and women that shape how they are represented and how they represent themselves in popular culture. This course examines North American popular culture, including issues relating to sex, gender, race, class, age, sexuality, ethnicity, nationality, and ability.

**Indigenous & Critical Race Feminisms** acquaints students with Indigenous, critical race and anti-racist feminist theories that resist colonial violence, gendered, and racialized representations of ethnicity. The theoretical frameworks of Indigenous women and women of colour are central to this course, and we examine and locate our understanding of our feminist practices through these theoretical frameworks.

### **MORE SAMPLE COURSES**

- **Feminisms: Background & Fundamentals\***
- **Boys, Men & Masculinities on Film**
- **Feminisms: Current Perspectives\***
- **Gender, Race & Nation in Canada**
- **Sex, Sexuality & Science**

\*Required courses for a major or minor in Women's and Gender Studies

### **SAMPLE FIRST YEAR**

WGS-1232(6) Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies  
RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or other section of Academic Writing (if required)  
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  
12 credit hours electives

***NOTE:** This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

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***“WGS provided me with a whole new consciousness and set of thought processes. It changes the way you think about and view the world and social issues....My experience has given me a new capacity for critical thought that has helped me in both my career and research endeavours.”***

- Jess Leppik (BA), who is pursuing a Masters degree in Family Therapy

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### **REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses required.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: [uwinnipeg.ca/apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/apply)

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at [welcome@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:welcome@uwinnipeg.ca) or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University's Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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