

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 program exploring gender-based experiences, cultures, and political economy. 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.

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) Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism WGS-3302(3) Contemporary Feminist Theories
It is strongly recommended that students take:	WGS-3200(6) Intersectional Feminist Research Methods

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)	Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism
	WGS-3302(3)	Contemporary Feminist Theories

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) Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism WGS-3302(3) Contemporary Feminist Theories 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) Intersectional Feminist Research Methods 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) Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism WGS-3302(3) Contemporary Feminist Theories
	It is also strongly recommended that students take: WGS-3200(6) Intersectional Feminist Research Methods
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) Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism
WGS-3302(3) Contemporary Feminist Theories

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) <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	WGS-2333(3) <u>Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism</u> WGS-3302(3) <u>Contemporary Feminist Theories</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	WGS 3200(6) <u>Intersectional Feminist Research Methods</u> 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)	Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism
WGS-3302(3)	Contemporary Feminist Theories
WGS-3200(6)	Intersectional Feminist Research Methods

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

WGS-4232(3)	Capstone: Activating Your Feminisms
WGS-4200(3)	Advanced Feminist Theory, or
WGS-4000(9)	Women's and Gender Studies Practicum

Suggested Sequence of courses for BA Honours 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) Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism WGS-3302(3) Contemporary Feminist Theories 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) Intersectional Feminist Research Methods 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 and Gender Studies WGS-2333(3) Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism WGS-3302(3) Contemporary Feminist Theories 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 Media Cultures
WGS-2251(3)	Decolonizing Gender, Race, and Nation	WGS-2270(3)	Food Cultures, Sex, and Gender
WGS-2256(3)	Feminisms, Technologies, and Digital Praxis	WGS-3040/4040(6)	Feminist Cultural Productions
WGS-2258(3)	Boys, Men, and Masculinities in Media		

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-2270(3)	Food Cultures, Sex, and Gender
		WGS/GEOG/	Sex, Gender, Space and Place
WGS-2251(3)	Decolonizing Gender, Race, and Nation	ENV-2416(3)	
WGS-2256(3)	Feminisms, Technologies, and Digital Praxis	WGS-3003(3)	Gender, Sex, Sexuality and Science
		WGS/ENV-3004(3)	Women, Health and the Environment
WGS-2260(3)	Girls, Women, and Popular Culture	WGS/DIS-3006(3)	Embodied Subjects
WGS-2264/	Disabilities and Sexualities	WGS/UIC-3020(3)	Women and the Inner City
DIS-2200(3)			

WGS-3200(6)	Intersectional Feminist Research Methods	WGS/BUS/POL-3321(3)	Gender and Organizations
WGS-3302(3)	Contemporary Feminist Theories	WGS-4040(6)	Feminist Cultural Productions

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

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

WGS-1232(6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	WGS/BUS/POL-3321(3)	Gender and Organizations
WGS-2251(3)	Decolonizing Gender, Race, and Nation	WGS-3500(6)	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WGS-2256(3)	Feminisms, Technologies, and Digital Praxis	WGS-3501(3)	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WGS-2258(3)	Boys, Men, and Masculinities in Media	WGS-3900(6)	Directed Readings
WGS-2260(3)	Girls, Women, and Popular Culture	WGS-3901(3)	Directed Readings
WGS-2262(3)	Sex, Sexuality, Gender, and Media Cultures	WGS-4000(9)	Women's and Gender Studies Practicum
WGS-2264/ DIS-2200(3)	Disabilities and Sexualities	WGS-4004(3)	Cultural Studies and Feminism
WGS-2270(3)	Food Cultures, Sex, and Gender	WGS-4100(6)	Queer Studies in the Global Postmodern
WGS-2333(3)	Early Feminist Thought, Movement, and Activism	WGS-4200(3)	Advanced Feminist Theory
WGS/GEOG/ ENV-2416	Sex, Gender, Space and Place	WGS-4232(3)	Capstone: Activating Your Feminisms
WGS-3001(6)	Indigenous and Critical Race Feminisms	WGS-4400(6)	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WGS-3003(3)	Gender, Sex, Sexuality and Science	WGS-4401(3)	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WGS/ENV-3004(3)	Women, Health and the Environment	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
WGS-3040/4040(6)	Feminist Cultural Productions		
WGS-3200(6)	Intersectional Feminist Research Methods		
	WGS-3302(3)		
	Contemporary Feminist Theories		

EXPERIMENTAL COURSE

WGS-2003(3)	Storytelling and Social Change
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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>