

Women's and Gender Studies

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Academic Regulations

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Academic standing of B- or higher must be obtained in each course counted towards the fulfillment of the degree requirements. Candidates must also maintain a CGPA of 9.0 or higher and achieve Satisfactory or better on the MA thesis and its oral defence.

Admission Requirements

The minimum requirement for admission to the MA program in Women's and Gender Studies is a BA Honours degree in Women's and Gender Studies or related areas with high honours standing. Students who have completed a degree with a significant focus on gender and gender-related coursework from disciplines including Sociology, History, English, Philosophy, Anthropology, Canadian Studies and Political Science, for example, will be considered for admission to the program. Applicants without the requisite background may be required to take a maximum of 2.0 credits from designated courses at the undergraduate level in Women's and Gender Studies in addition to their normal MA program requirements.

Qualifying Year Program

Applicants without a B.A. Honours degree in Women's and Gender Studies but who have a three year degree with a Women's and Gender Studies major, minor or a degree in a related discipline with a minimum average of B+ will be required to complete successfully a qualifying year of full-time study, before proceeding to apply to the Master's program. At this time, the Institute will determine the student's eligibility to enter the program.

Program Requirements

The MA degree in Women's and Gender Studies requires the satisfactory completion of 5.0 credits, distributed according to one of the following three options (students are not required to choose one option over the other until the end of the first year of study):

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies Option I: Course work + Thesis (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar	
2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory	
3. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
WGST 5907 [0.5] Researching Women's and Gender Issues	

4. 1.0 credit in additional course work chosen from available elective courses (see below)	1.0
5. 2.0 credits in:	2.0
WGST 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis	
Total Credits	5.0

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies Option II: Course work + Research Essay (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar	
2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory	
3. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
WGST 5907 [0.5] Researching Women's and Gender Issues	
4. 2.0 credits of additional course work chosen from available elective courses (see below)	2.0
5. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
WGST 5908 [1.0] Research Essay	
Total Credits	5.0

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies Option III: Course Work

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar	
2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory	
3. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
WGST 5907 [0.5] Researching Women's and Gender Issues	
4. 3.0 credits in additional course work chosen from available elective courses (see below)	3.0
Total Credits	5.0

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies with Specialization in African Studies

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies with Specialization in African Studies Option 1: Course work + Thesis (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives	
2. 0.0 credit in:	
AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies	
3. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar	
4. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory	
5. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
WGST 5907 [0.5] Researching Women's and Gender Issues	
6. 0.5 credit in additional course work chosen from available elective courses (see below)	0.5
7. 2.0 credits in:	2.0
WGST 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis	
Total Credits	5.0

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies with Specialization in African Studies Option II: Course work + Research Essay (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:		0.5
AFRI 5000 [0.5]	African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives	
2. 0.0 credit in:		0.0
AFRI 5800 [0.0]	Scholarly Preparation in African Studies	
3. 1.0 credit in:		1.0
WGST 5905 [1.0]	Program Seminar	
4. 0.5 credit in:		0.5
WGST 5906 [0.5]	Feminist Theory	
5. 0.5 credit in:		0.5
WGST 5907 [0.5]	Researching Women's and Gender Issues	
6. 1.5 credits in	additional course work chosen from available elective courses (see below)	1.5
7. 1.0 credit in:		1.0
WGST 5908 [1.0]	Research Essay	
Total Credits		5.0

Selection of Courses - African Studies

The courses listed below (all are worth 0.5 credit) are relevant to students of African Studies and could, with the approval of the specific requirements of the units involved, be used as courses to help fulfill degree requirements. There are also often graduate courses and 4000-level courses in a number of units at Carleton that are offered on an ad hoc basis that have significant content appropriate to African Studies. To have any such course count towards their degree requires approval of the Director of the Institute of African Studies when it is being offered.

Note: the number of spaces in graduate courses offered by other departments may be limited, and registration may be conditional upon obtaining the prior approval of the department concerned. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that permission is obtained from the appropriate department prior to registering in any of the following courses.

African Studies

AFRI 5000 [0.5]	African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
AFRI 5050 [0.5]	Selected Topics in African Studies
AFRI 5100 [0.5]	African Studies Abroad
AFRI 5700 [0.5]	Directed Readings in African Studies
AFRI 5900 [0.5]	Placement
AFRI 5800 [0.0]	Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

Anthropology

ANTH 5109 [0.5]	Development, Dependency and Gender
ANTH 5202 [0.5]	The Anthropology of Underdevelopment
ANTH 5209 [0.5]	Special Topics in the Anthropology of Africa
ANTH 5809 [0.5]	Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment

English

ENGL 5008 [0.5]	Studies in African Literature
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ENGL 5010 [0.5]	Studies in Caribbean Literature
French	
FREN 5600 [0.5]	Littératures du monde francophone
International Affairs	
INAF 5603 [0.5]	Issues in Development in Africa
Law	
LAWS 5007 [0.5]	Race, Ethnicity and the Law
LAWS 5603 [0.5]	International Law: Theory and Practice
Political Science	
PSCI 5107 [0.5]	Globalization, Adjustment and Democracy in Africa
PSCI 5202 [0.5]	Development Theory and Issues
PSCI 5203 [0.5]	Southern Africa After Apartheid
PSCI 5801 [0.5]	Foreign Policies of African States
Sociology	
SOCI 5404 [0.5]	Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
Women's and Gender Studies	
WGST 5902 [0.5]	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies II

Elective courses

Electives may be taken from a selection of courses offered outside the program in a related discipline, subject to the approval of the Graduate Supervisor.

Elective courses may include but are not limited to:

ANTH 5704 [0.5]	Anthropology of the Body, Health, Illness and Healing
COMM 5509 [0.5]	Media, Culture, and Gender
PHIL 5350 [0.5]	Topics in Ethics or Political Philosophy
PHIL 5304 [0.5]	Tutorial in Selected Problems of Philosophy I
PHIL 5500 [0.5]	Topics in Contemporary Philosophy
HIST 6903 [1.0]	History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
HIST 5708 [1.0]	Seminar in World History
HIST 5803 [0.5]	History of Women, Gender and Sexuality: Foundations
HIST 5804 [0.5]	Problems in the History of Women, Gender and Sexuality
PADM 5213 [0.5]	Gender and Public Policy
PSYC 5001 [0.5]	Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology
PSCI 6301 [0.5]	Political Theory II
PSCI 5200 [0.5]	Nationalism
PSCI 5506 [0.5]	Gender and Politics
PSCI 5607 [0.5]	Politics of North America
PSCI 5205 [0.5]	Problems in American Government I
SOCI 5809 [0.5]	The Logic of the Research Process
SOWK 5102 [0.5]	Political Economy of Health
WGST 5000 [0.5]	Issues for Feminist Scholarship
WGST 5001 [0.5]	Research Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies
WGST 5901 [0.5]	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies I

WGST 5902 [0.5]	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies II
WGST 5910 [0.5]	Directed Studies
WGST 5911 [0.5]	Directed Studies

Progress through the program

The first year of study is essentially the same for all full-time students entering the program regardless of whether their intention is to pursue the thesis or the research essay option (a schedule for part-time students is outlined below): all full-time students will be expected to complete the core feminist theory and methodologies courses in the first year (typically WGST 5906 will be offered in the fall term and WGST 5907 in the winter); WGST 5905 [1.0] ; and, a further 1.0 credit chosen from among those electives on offer that year.

At the end of the winter term of the first year of study, and in consultation with the Graduate Supervisor, full-time students will be required to declare their intention to pursue the thesis option, or to complete additional courses and a research essay, or to complete the MA by doing additional courses only. The deadline for this decision will normally be in writing on or before April 1st. In the fall of the second year of study, all full-time students will be expected to submit a research proposal that has been approved by their thesis or research essay supervisor or committee. The deadline for submitting the proposal is September 15. Students pursuing the research essay option will also be required to complete two additional half-course electives. Students pursuing the course work option will be required to complete four additional half-course electives. Typically, these courses will be completed in the fall term of the second year for students doing the research essay, and may be completed over the fall and winter terms for students doing the course work option. Students will be expected to maintain regular contact with their thesis/research essay supervisor throughout the year to ensure steady progress and a timely completion of their research and writing.

WGST 5000 [0.5 credit]

Issues for Feminist Scholarship

Selected issues based on the research expertise of the Instructor, designed to provide students with a broad introduction to the diversity of women's experiences within that issue. Critical issues related to race, class, gender and ability.

WGST 5001 [0.5 credit]

Research Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies

An examination of the Instructor's research focus (topics will vary from year-to-year) with respect to issues of feminist methodologies and epistemology related to developing and conducting feminist or women-centred research. The focus is interdisciplinary.

WGST 5003 [0.5 credit]

Transitions in Women's and Gender Studies

Interdisciplinary overview of key historical concepts in Women's and Gender Studies in the areas of theory, epistemology, and research design. Topics will vary from year to year. The course provides additional background for students entering Women's and Gender Studies from other disciplines.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Institute.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as WGST 4003, for which additional credit is precluded.

WGST 5901 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies I

The applications of gender to different fields of knowledge, cultural expression, and institutional regulation. Gender will be interrogated as it intersects with race, class, ethnicity, age, ability and cross-cultural perspectives.

WGST 5902 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies II

Selected topics may include: gender, power and social inequalities; women's writing; gender history; gender, sexuality and music embodiment; race, gender and imperialism; gender, criminology and criminal justice; queer theory; transnational feminisms.

WGST 5905 [1.0 credit]

Program Seminar

All MA candidates are required to take part in a seminar in which faculty members and students discuss new work in the field, analyze current issues in Women's and Gender Studies, and pursue topics of professional development. Students will prepare their thesis or research essay proposal in consultation with the course Instructor, faculty members and their peers.

WGST 5906 [0.5 credit]

Feminist Theory

An analysis of contemporary feminist theoretical debates that provides students with competence in the application of a range of theoretical models, and an appreciation of their specific historical contexts and development.

WGST 5907 [0.5 credit]

Researching Women's and Gender Issues

Consideration of a range of research methodologies and approaches relevant to women's and gender studies. In particular, students will examine the impact of gender studies on epistemological and methodological issues in a variety of academic disciplines.

WGST 5908 [1.0 credit]

Research Essay

An examination of an approved topic in an area of specialization of either the Institute faculty or associated faculty from across the University. Students will have a supervisor and a second reader.

WGST 5909 [2.0 credits]**M.A .Thesis**

A substantial investigation of a topic in Women's and Gender Studies that will be determined in consultation with the Institute. Students will have a primary supervisor selected from within the Institute or from associated Faculty across the University. The candidate will be examined orally on the thesis.

WGST 5910 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies**

Directed study on selected topics may be arranged with a faculty member or visiting scholar with the permission of the Institute. Students cannot accumulate more than 1.0 credit in directed studies towards their degree requirements.

WGST 5911 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies**

Directed study on selected topics may be arranged with a faculty member or visiting scholar with the permission of the Institute. Students cannot accumulate more than 1.0 credit in directed studies towards their degree requirements.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca