Women's and Gender Studies

Program Requirements
The M.A. 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 (5.0 credits)
Requirements - Option I: Course work + Thesis (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar
2. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory
3. 0.5 credit in:
   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)
5. 2.0 credits in:
   WGST 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Option II: Course work + Research Essay (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar
2. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory
3. 0.5 credit in:
   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)
5. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5908 [1.0] Research Essay
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Option III: Course Work
1. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar
2. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory
3. 0.5 credit in:
   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)
Total Credits 5.0

M.A. Women's and Gender Studies with Specialization in African Studies (5.0 credit)
Requirements - Option 1: Course work + Thesis (5.0 credits)
1. 0.5 credit in:

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:
   WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar
4. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory
5. 0.5 credit in:
   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)
7. 2.0 credits in:
   WGST 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Option II: Course work + Research Essay (5.0 credits)
1. 0.5 credit in:
   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:
   WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar
4. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory
5. 0.5 credit in:
   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)
7. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5908 [1.0] Research Essay
Total Credits 5.0

Selection of Courses - African Studies
The courses listed below 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 fulfil 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.
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<td>Littératures du monde francophone</td>
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### International Affairs

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### Law

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### Political Science

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### Sociology

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<td>WGST 5902 [0.5]</td>
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### Elective Courses

Elective courses 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
- COMS 5509 [0.5] Gender, Sexuality, Culture
- HIST 5803 [0.5] History of Women, Gender and Sexuality: Foundations
- HIST 6903 [1.0] History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- INAF 5003 [0.5] Project Operations in a Developing Country Context
- INAF 5609 [0.5] Development Project Evaluation and Analysis
- LAWS 5302 [0.5] Feminism, Law and Social Analysis
- LAWS 6003 [0.5] Human Rights, Citizenship and Global Transformation
- PADM 5213 [0.5] Gender and Public Policy
- PHIL 5304 [0.5] Tutorial in Selected Problems of Philosophy I
- PHIL 5350 [0.5] Topics in Ethics or Political Philosophy
- PHIL 5500 [0.5] Topics in Contemporary Philosophy
- PSCI 5200 [0.5] Nationalism
- PSCI 5202 [0.5] Development Theory and Issues
- PSCI 5208 [0.5] Global Social Policy
- PSCI 5209 [0.5] Migration and Global Politics
- PSCI 5210 [0.5] Politics and Popular Culture
- PSCI 5407 [0.5] Reproductive Rights Policy in North America
- PSCI 5506 [0.5] Gender and Politics
- PSCI 5607 [0.5] Politics of North America
- PSCI 6301 [0.5] Political Theory II
- PSYC 5001 [0.5] Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology
- SOCI 5308 [0.5] Feminist Analyses
- SOCI 5404 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
- SOCI 5409 [0.5] The Politics of Social Movements and the State
- SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
- SOWK 5102 [0.5] Political Economy of Health
- SOWK 5106 [0.5] Women and Social Policy
- SOWK 5801 [0.5] Feminist Social Work Practice with Individuals, Couples, and Families
- 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
- WGST 5920 [1.0] Internship in Women's and Gender 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, Research Essay or Course work option (the schedule for program completion for part-time students is in consultation with the unit). 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, Research Essay, or Course work option. The deadline for this decision will normally be in writing on or before April 1st.

**Thesis option**
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 supervisor. The deadline for submitting the proposal is September 15.

**Research Essay option**
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 Research Essay supervisor. 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. Typically, these courses will be completed in the fall term of the second year.

**Course work option**
Students pursuing the course work option will be required to complete four additional half-course electives. Typically, these courses will be completed over the fall and winter terms of the second year.

**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 M.A. thesis and its oral defence.

**Admission**
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.

**Accelerated Pathway**
The accelerated pathway in Women and Gender Studies is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study for students in their final year of a Carleton B.A. Honours degree in Women and Gender Studies.

Students in their third-year of study in the B.A Honours degree in Women and Gender Studies should consult with both the Undergraduate Advisor and the Graduate Advisor determine if the accelerated pathway is appropriate for them and to confirm their selection of courses and Honours project supervisor for their final year of undergraduate studies.

**Accelerated Pathway Requirements**
1. Two courses at the 5000-level with a grade of B+ or higher.
2. Minimal overall CGPA of B+

Students may receive advanced standing with transfer of credit of up to 1.0 credit which can reduce their time to completion.