

# Women's and Gender Studies

- **M.A. Women's Studies**
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## M.A. Women's and Gender Studies

### 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.

### 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.

### 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):

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

<b>1. 1.0 credit in:</b>	1.0
WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar	
<b>2. 0.5 credit in:</b>	0.5
WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory	
<b>3. 0.5 credit in:</b>	0.5
WGST 5907 [0.5] Researching Women's and Gender Issues	
<b>4. 1.0 credit in additional course work chosen from available elective courses (see below)</b>	1.0
<b>5. 2.0 credits in:</b>	2.0
WGST 5909 [2.0] M.A .Thesis	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>5.0</b>

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

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

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

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

#### 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)

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

<b>1. 0.5 credit in:</b>		
AFRI 5000 [0.5]	African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives	0.5
<b>2. 0.0 credit in:</b>		
AFRI 5800 [0.0]	Scholarly Preparation in African Studies	0.0
<b>3. 1.0 credit in:</b>		
WGST 5905 [1.0]	Program Seminar	1.0
<b>4. 0.5 credit in:</b>		
WGST 5906 [0.5]	Feminist Theory	0.5
<b>5. 0.5 credit in:</b>		
WGST 5907 [0.5]	Researching Women's and Gender Issues	0.5
<b>6. 1.5 credits in additional course work chosen from available elective courses (see below)</b>		
<b>7. 1.0 credit in:</b>		
WGST 5908 [1.0]	Research Essay	1.0
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
<b>Anthropology</b>	
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
ENGL 5010 [0.5]	Studies in Caribbean Literature

**French**

FREN 5600 [0.5]	Littératures du monde francophone
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**International Affairs**

INAF 5603 [0.5]	Issues in Development in Africa
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**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
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**Women's and Gender Studies**

WGST 5902 [0.5]	Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies II
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**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
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
LAWS 5302 [0.5]	Feminism, Law and Social 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 5205 [0.5]	Problems in American Government I
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 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.

### 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.

**WGST 5920 [1.0 credit]****Internship in Women's and Gender Studies**

Experience in applied feminisms through a combination of classroom seminars and internship. Each project will be negotiated individually as a contract between the student, instructor and institutional partner. Students must complete both the in-class and the internship portion of the course. Prerequisite(s): Enrollment in the M.A. Women's and Gender Studies program.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as WGST 4801, for which additional credit is precluded.