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:
   0.5

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.

Requirements - Option I: Course work + Thesis (5.0 credits)

1. 0.0 credit in:
   AFRI 5000 [0.0] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
2. 1.0 credit in:
   WGST 5905 [1.0] Program Seminar
3. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5906 [0.5] Feminist Theory
4. 0.5 credit in:
   WGST 5907 [0.5] Researching Women's and Gender Issues
5. 0.5 credit 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

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]** Ethnography, Gender and Globalization
- **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

### 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

### 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
- **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.

Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST) Courses

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 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.

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