

# Women's Studies

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## Undergraduate Degree Programs

**General B.A., 3- or 4-Year, Women's Studies**

**Honours Women's Studies**

**Joint Honours Women's Studies**

**Honours Women's Studies & Arts and Business (Co-op and Regular)**

**Minor in Women's Studies**

**Option in Women's Studies**

**Diploma in Women's Studies**

Whether we know it or not, gender and sex play a role in all aspects of social life: education, religion, family, work, leisure, health care, law, and government. Our courses in Women's Studies, either taken as electives or as part of an academic plan, provide valuable insights into these critical gender relations. Such broad-based knowledge will enrich a range of career choices in diverse areas such as Criminology, Education, Engineering, Politics, Law, Medicine, Psychology, Recreation, and Social Work.

Our first-year courses familiarize students with the ways in which women have been historically disadvantaged in society, the types of positive changes that women have made, the important issues that affect women's lives today, and the ways in which gender intersects with race, class and sexuality.

Our second- and third-year courses offer students an in-depth engagement with the topics explored in their first year courses; the portrayal of women in media and popular culture; technology as a gender issue; the voices and experiences of immigrant women and women in non-Western cultures; and the growing importance of women in business.

Upper-year classes are small and encourage participatory forms of learning. Classes are interactive, with class discussions and student participation. Students have the opportunity to discuss course materials with their professor and classmates and make connections to their everyday lives.

## Minor or Option in Women's Studies

A Minor or Option provides a wonderful opportunity to focus on issues of gender in conjunction with another major (e.g., Anthropology, Drama, English Language and Literature, History, Legal Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Religious Studies, Sexuality, Marriage and Family

## Women's Studies Courses

Introduction to Women's Studies  
Contemporary Women's Issues in Canada  
Women in Literature  
Images of Women in Popular Culture  
Women Across Cultures: Canadian & Global Perspectives  
Gender, Culture and Technology  
Women and the Law  
Women and Entrepreneurship  
Women Writing Since 1900  
Gender Issues  
Women and the Great Religions  
Global Queer Cinema  
Thinking Through Gender: Feminist Perspectives  
Contemporary Health Issues for Women  
Gender and Leisure  
Women in Buddhism: a Global Perspective  
Images of the Feminine: India  
Gender and Asian Religions  
Austen  
Gender in War and Peace  
Culture and Sexuality  
Special Topics in Women's Studies  
Women Writers of the Italian Renaissance  
Theoretical Perspectives on Gender  
Modern Feminism  
Literary Women in Early Modern Hispanic Culture  
Advanced Research Project in Women's Studies  
Senior Honours Thesis

## Women's Studies Approved Courses:

Women in Classical Antiquity  
Women and Film  
Race and English Literature  
The Age of Aphra Behn: Restoration and Literature  
Health, Disease and Medicine in Canadian History, 1500 to the Present  
History of Women in the Modern United States  
The American West: Legend and Reality  
Canada: The Immigrant Experience  
Psychosocial Perspectives on Lifespan Development and Health  
Women, Music and Gender  
Women, Family, Sex and Tradition  
Modern Italian Poetry and Theatre

Studies, Sociology, and Speech Communication). Students in the Minor are required to take ten courses and students in the Option are required to take six courses.

### **Co-operative Programs in Arts**

Honours Women's Studies students may pursue co-operative education through:

**Arts and Business Co-op** - a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, economics, languages, history, political science, business management, and leadership training. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Global Engagement
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade

### **Courses (cont'd)**

Love  
Gender Issues  
Moral Issues  
Women and Politics  
Justice and Gender  
Women and Public Policy  
Psychological Perspectives on Gender and Sex  
A Psychological Analysis of Human Sexuality  
Psychosexual Organization  
Christian Sexual Ethics  
Joan of Arc: Witch, Mystic, Martyr or Saint?  
Introduction to Human Sexuality  
Couples, Marriages, and Families  
Family Violence  
Latin American Women Writers

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**For more information about Women's Studies, please visit:**

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