

# WOMEN, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES (HBA)

*Department of Historical Studies*

**Relations of gender affect every aspect of society.** Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) provides a rich and complex understanding of the range of socially-informed gendered experiences. The program seeks to foster feminist interdisciplinary and intersectional teaching, learning and research on gender worldwide by reaching across epistemological, analytical, and theoretical divisions. Our program fosters innovative teaching and cutting-edge research by focusing on the formation of gender and its intersections with other relations of power, such as class, race, culture, ethnicity, religion, ability, age, sexuality, and nationality. WGS is interdisciplinary and transnational in its scope, breadth, and depth. We offer courses that explore people's historical lives and contemporary gendered experiences from around the world and across cultures.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we have provided information and interesting suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#) found at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans)

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Major Program ERMAJ1443 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (Arts) / Women and Gender Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1443 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (Arts) / Women and Gender Studies (Arts)

### Check out...

WGS367H5: Women in Health covers feminist theories and frameworks examining the interconnections between women, health and biomedicine in North America and transnationally.

### What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

**Careers for graduates:** Health professional; Social worker; Human resources; Researcher; Journalist; Lawyer; Policy analyst; Teacher; Professor; Communications; Arts and culture.

**Workplaces:** Arts organizations; Community development; Commerce; Government; Law; Education; Health organizations; Human resources



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## MAJOR Program Plan

	1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enroll in WGS101H5.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a <b>utmONE</b> First-Year Foundations Course. Build community and gain academic support through <b>LAUNCH</b>. Join a RGASC <b>Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in WGS200Y5 and 1.0 WGS credits at the 200 level.</p> <p>Why not apply for the <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> course WGS299Y? Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>PART</b> to stand out when applying. Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use <b>Degree Explorer</b> to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li><li>See the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Historical Studies Academic Advisor</b> for support.</li></ul>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b>. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Get Hired Fair</b> through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Experiential Education Fair</b>.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career &amp; Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities. Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b>. View position descriptions on the CLNx.</p> <p>Apply to become an Experiential Education Unit <b>Student Ambassador</b> and earn a CCR notation.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the <b>Women &amp; Gender Studies Alliance (WGSA)</b>. Go to the Women and Gender Studies (WGS) Program Meet and Greet to meet professors and students.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b>.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you would like to connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material.</p> <p>Don't be shy! Learn <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the <b>Canada Eh?</b> day trips or <b>English Language Conversation Circles</b> to deepen your global mindset.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of <b>THRIVE-IN</b>, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in <b>International Education Week</b> and engage in programs like <b>Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)</b> to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship.</p> <p>Learn about and prepare for a future <b>UTM Abroad Experience</b> through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Start by exploring the <b>UTM Career Centre Model</b>—a chance to reflect and choose what's right for you with guided support. Access <b>MyCareerCentre</b> 24/7 for flexible, interactive career learning at your own pace.</p> <p>Connect with support in-person: Drop-in to an <b>Academic &amp; Career Planning Session</b> to chat with Advisors and Career Counsellors. Visit the Career Corner in the <b>Student Services Hub</b> to chat with a Peer Career Assistant about resources that fit your goals.</p>	<p>Explore your options with the CC's <b>Job Shadow Program, In the Field</b>, or a one-on-one with a <b>Career Counsellor</b>.</p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Attend the <b>Graduate &amp; Professional School Fair</b>, research application requirements, admission tests, and explore funding options.</p> <p>Getting ready for work? Join workshops, drop-ins, and networking events to build experience and confidently share your skills – Register on <b>CLNx</b>.</p>

\*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

## HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

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3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Enrol in 2.0 WGS credits at the 300 level and 1.5 credits from any WGS courses or from a list of electives in the <b>Academic Calendar</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in 1.0 WGS credits at the 400 level.</p> <p>Consider a practical work-based experience through the Practicum course WGS435Y5. Speak to the <b>Historical Studies Academic Advisor</b> for application information.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and confirm graduation request.</p>
<p>Explore your interests. Interested in increasing awareness about gender and equality? Consider working with the UTM <b>Women and Gender Equity Centre</b>.</p> <p>Are you into promoting mindfulness and building community? Investigate the UTM <b>Library Ambassador Program</b>.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your organizational skills? Consider a role as the <b>CSE Community Engagement Assistant</b>.</p>
<p>Get published in <b>Prandium: the Journal of Historical Studies at UTM</b>, or volunteer as an editor or reviewer for <b>Atlantis</b>.</p> <p>Attend the WGSS Feminist Lunch Series events held throughout the academic year to network with WGSS faculty and students and learn from scholars, activists, and industry professionals.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>WGSRF</b> or the <b>Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women</b>.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences</b> or the <b>International Conference on Advances in Women's Studies</b>.</p>
<p>Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers.</p> <p><b>Earn credits overseas!</b> Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about <b>Course Based Exchange</b>, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p>	<p>Engage in programs like <b>ISTEP</b> and <b>THRIVE-OUT</b> to support your transition out of the University!</p>
<p>Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an <b>Employment Strategist</b> for personalized guidance.</p> <p>Ready to take the next step for grad school, visit the Pursue Learning section on <b>MyCareerCentre</b> and drop-in to chat with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> about grad school prep tips.</p> <p>Want to grow your network? Attend the Career Centre Networking Series and Let's Talk About events — Register on <b>CLNx</b>.</p>	<p>Join the <b>Now That I'm Graduating, What's Next?</b> session to start building your job search plan. Attend the <b>Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference</b> and discover diverse career pathways.</p> <p>Work with the <b>Employment Strategist</b> team to review your resume and prep for interviews.</p> <p>Still figuring things out? Meet with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> to create a career plan and attend a <b>Career Wellness</b> session to support your well-being along the way.</p>



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## Skills developed in Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

**Communication:** Formulate and defend positions; write detailed research papers and summarize concepts and ideas; read and think critically; use unfamiliar materials and generate new ideas; and read and analyze texts.

**Research:** Evaluate ideas and research; gather information and data; and interpret research and data.

**Critical thinking & problem-solving:** Analyze and synthesize; recognize assumptions and make inferences; and create research designs.

**Organizational & Leadership:** Understand difference and discover the intersections between racism, homophobia, sexism, classicism, and other forms of oppression; and develop the ability to assess needs.

## Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Women and Gender Studies Student Alliance
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)
- UTM Women's Centre
- UTM Women and Gender Equity Centre
- OUT@UTM
- Positive Space Committee

For a full listing of clubs on campus visit the **Student Groups and Societies Directory**

## Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **Office of the Registrar (OR)**
- **Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)**
- **Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)**
- **UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)**

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## FUTURE STUDENTS

### Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available in the **viewbook**.

**NOTE:** During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

### Sneak Peek

Explore how popular culture is shaped by media and society in WGS205H5. Examine historical and contemporary processes on diasporic migration to Canada in WGS335H5. Interested in how computer technologies facilitate women's participation in cyberspace? Enrol in WGS355H5.

We offer our students the opportunity to combine theory and practice in a part-time unpaid placement with a community agency, government body, or educational or social change organization. Past placements include Interim Place women's shelter, Peel Poverty Action Group, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Legal Clinic, and Women's Health in Women's Hands Centre, Rainbow Refugee Railroad, Ontario Pay Equity Commission, and Mississauga City Disability Office, amongst others.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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