

# WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES (HBA)

*Department of Historical Studies*

**Relations of gender affect every aspect of society.** Women & Gender Studies (WGS) 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 and Gender Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1443 Women and Gender Studies (Arts)

### Check out...

Examine how the workforce is gendered through WGS210H5, Women, Gender and Labour. Interested in how women cross borders and build communities? Take WGS335H5, Women, Migration and, Diaspora, a course that situates women immigrants and refugees as complex multidimensional actors engaged in knowledge production and political, social and feminist struggles.

### 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

## 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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	1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>It is recommended that you enrol in WGS101H5.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with <b>utmONE</b> and <b>LAUNCH</b> through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Join a RGASC <b>Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in WGS200Y5. 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>P.A.R.T.</b> to stand out when applying.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use the <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 Counsellor</b>.</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 Experience Fair</b> through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b>. View position descriptions on the CLNx.</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 really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p> <p>Join UTM's <b>Women and Gender Equity Centre</b>.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p><b>Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through weekly/regular conversations, <b>Language Conversation Circles</b>, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.</p>	<p>Engage in programs like the <b>Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)</b> or 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>Attend the <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out <b>Careers by Major</b> at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's <b>Job Shadowing Program</b>.</p> <p>Considering <b>further education</b>? Attend the CC's <b>Graduate and Professionals School Fair</b>. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</p>

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

3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Enrol in 2.0 WGS credits at the 300/400 level. Attain 3.5 credits from any WGS courses or from a list of electives in the <b>Academic Calendar</b>.</p> <p>See the issues and histories you have been studying come to life! Speak to the <b>Historical Studies Academic Counsellor</b> about enrolling in WGS343H5 The Montreal Experience: Sex and Gender in la Cité.</p>	<p>Enrol in 0.5 WGS credits at the 400 level. Consider a practical work-based experience through the practicum course WGS435Y5. Speak to the <b>Historical Studies Academic Counsellor</b> for application information.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</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>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</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>, the journal of the <b>Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF)</b>.</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><b>Earn credits overseas!</b> Apply to study for a summer, term or year at one of 140+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about <b>Course Based Exchange</b>, funding and travel safety.</p>	<p>Learn about working abroad. Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through <b>GoInGlobal</b>. Attend the <b>Go Global Expo</b>. See if you are eligible for <b>International Experience Canada</b>.</p>
<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC <b>Career Counselling appointment</b>. Create a job search strategy — book a CC <b>Employment Strategies appointment</b>.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your <b>resume critiqued</b> at the CC. Attend the CC workshop <b>Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</b></p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's <b>Mastering the Personal Statement workshop</b>.</p>

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## Skills developed in Women & Gender 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 listing of clubs on campus visit [www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs).

## Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Unit (EEU)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- 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 at [utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook](http://utm.utoronto.ca/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

What role can public policy play in overcoming gender inequalities? Take a look in WGS215H5. You'll investigate key historical and contemporary changes in public policies affecting Canadian women in such areas as education, sexuality, immigration and global issues. What is the role of diasporic Black women in producing and practicing Black Feminisms? Find out in WGS340H5.

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

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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