

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

Programs of Study (POSt)

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

Check out...

Examine the histories of “queer” in Canada and transnationally through WGS455H5. Interested in how women cross borders and build communities? Take WGS335H5, Women, Migration, 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; Volunteer; Corporate communications; Researcher; Journalist; Lawyer; Policy analyst; Teacher.

Workplaces: 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 ST YEAR	2 ND 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 Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Enrol in WGS200Y5. Why not apply for the Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course WGS299Y? Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's P.A.R.T. to stand out when applying.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. see the Office of the Registrar and the Historical Studies Academic Counsellor.
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLN.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Women & Gender Studies Alliance (WGSA). Go to the Women and Gender Studies (WGS) Program Meet and Greet to meet professors and students.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</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 Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p> <p>Join UTM's Women and Gender Equity Centre.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.</p> <p>Start with the International Education Week events and learn about the diversity, culture, and international opportunities on campus!</p>	<p>Embark on a UTM Abroad Global Impact Project through the IEC. Take advantage of this opportunity to travel with a faculty member and learn about a topic of interest in a unique location.</p> <p>Interested in deepening your global perspective? Register for the Global Citizenship Certificate offered by the IEC.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's Extern Job Shadowing Program.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate and Professionals School Fair. 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 RD YEAR	4 TH 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 Academic Calendar.</p> <p>See the issues and histories you have been studying come to life! Speak to the Historical Studies Academic Counsellor 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 Historical Studies Academic Counsellor 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 Women and Gender Equity Centre.</p> <p>Are you into promoting mindfulness and building community? Investigate the UTM Library Ambassador Program.</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 IEC Community Assistant.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in Women, Culture, & Society Undergraduate Review or volunteer as an editor or reviewer for Atlantis, the journal of the Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF).</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the WGSRF or the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences or the International Conference on Advances in Women's Studies.</p>
<p>Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including the University of Otago (New Zealand). Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.</p>	<p>Learn how women engaged culture to resist military dictatorship and afterward to reclaim human rights by enrolling in the WGS420H5 (Engendering Human Rights).</p>
<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.</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 resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</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.

Interpersonal: 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 Alliance
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)
- UTM Women & Gender Equity Centre
- OUT@UTM
- Positive Space Committee

For a listing of clubs on campus visit 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.

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 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.

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