

Women's and Gender Studies (BA)

Some of life's most pressing issues concern gender. Women's and gender studies will allow you to examine significant differences in the experiences of others in Canadian society and around the world.

The Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) program at Acadia emphasizes the importance of gender as a category of critical analysis in areas such as scholarly activity, education, social relationships, cultural expression, and politics. Women's and Gender Studies is offered as a major and honours in the Faculty of Arts, and students from all faculties can minor in WGS or pursue it as a second major. There are four core courses, with the rest of the program chosen from cross-listed courses offered in all three faculties on a rotational basis. This means that you will have the opportunity of taking courses from a range of different disciplines, all chosen for their inclusion of themes and issues related to women and/or gender.

Be Inspired

In addition to providing students with a well-rounded education and critical thinking, reading and writing skills, there are many careers that rely on a solid understanding of women and gender. For instance, you could work for a non-profit organization raising money for women's causes, counsel women at a domestic violence shelter, organize for gay rights, work on equity issues for the government, address issues of work-family balance in human resources at a company, teach, act, and even paint! There are a huge number of fields for which understanding the complexity of gender is essential. If you are interested in teaching, women's and gender studies is considered a prerequisite for family studies in some provinces.

Future Careers

- Academia
- Advocacy
- Business
- Community development
- Education
- Health sciences

- Human resources
- Law
- Medicine
- Politics
- Social work

First Year at a Glance

Semester One

WGST 1413

Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

ENGL 1413

Writing & Reading Critically 1

LANG xx13

Language other than English

HUMANITIES xx13

Introductory humanities course

SCIENCE xx13

Introductory science course

Semester Two

ELECTIVE xxx3

Your choice

ENGL 1423

Writing & Reading Critically 2

LANG xx23

Language other than English

HUMANITIES xx23

Introductory humanities course

SCIENCE xx23

Introductory science course



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Co-op Available: Yes

Honours: Thesis-based, with research

Get Involved:

Women's and Gender Studies Student Society

ASU Women's Centre

Acadia Pride

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)

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