BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)
WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES
WGS

Women’s and Gender Studies is a field of study that encourages students to ask big questions about the way that gender impacts societies, institutions, and human experience. Though the field historically focused on the lives of women, in the contemporary WGS classroom you’ll learn about how gender intersects with race, Indigeneity, class, ethnicity, sexuality, and (dis)ability.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A WGS DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... public educator, equity officer, policy analyst, communications director, community outreach co-ordinator, editor, publisher, media planner, public relations specialist, human resources representative, social worker.

OR WORK WITH... not-for-profits, federal or provincial or territorial governments, publishing companies.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY WGS

1. Join a diverse and lively department with courses that emphasize in-class participation, presentations, and independent research papers.
2. Select from a list of approved cross-listed courses for an exciting and interdisciplinary learning experience.
3. Participate in our annual interdisciplinary undergraduate research conference and share your ideas with students across campus.
4. Take advantage of department activities and resources: attend a talk in the Feminist Research Speaker Series, visit the Femlab feminist exhibition space, join the Feminists at the U of A student group (FUA), or just unwind in our student lounge in Assiniboia Hall.
5. Engage with learning in fresh new ways through Community Service-Learning and Walls to Bridges opportunities in WGS classes.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:
Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad, Research.

OFFERS COURSES IN...
• Gender and social justice
• Sexuality studies
• Popular culture & media
• Feminist theory
• Global gender issues
• Feminist legal studies

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan — you’re in control!

WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

A major in Women’s and Gender Studies requires a minimum of 10 courses to a maximum of 16 courses in Women’s and Gender Studies, including three courses at the 400-level in WGS and three courses selected from:

• WGS 301 - History of Feminist Thought
• WGS 302 - Feminist Research and Methodologies
• WGS 332 - Contemporary Feminist Theory
• WGS 360 - Race, Class, and Gender

To verify your Major and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

• Academic advising
• Student Ombuds
• Indigenous Student supports
• Academic support
• Health & Wellness
• Campus Food Bank
• Libraries
• International Student supports
• Accessibility Resources
• Financial Aid & Awards
• Professional & Career Development
• Mental Health Supports

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
BA WGS
DEGREE GUIDE

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Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full time, paid work experience.

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Ready to toss your cap in the air? Apply to graduate!

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Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps!

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