BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)
WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES

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

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

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A WGS HONORS DEGREE?

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

SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES ALSO WORK IN... human rights organizations, federal-provincial-territorial governments, post-secondary institutions, unions, publishing companies.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY WGS

1️⃣ The BA Honors in WGS offers an enriching and challenging learning experience to students who are passionate about our field. You will develop research skills through one-on-one mentorship by one of the professors in our department, culminating in a capstone research project.

2️⃣ Immerse yourself in a diverse and lively department with courses that emphasize in-class participation, presentations, and independent research papers.

3️⃣ Participate in our annual interdisciplinary undergraduate research conference and share your ideas with students across campus.

4️⃣ Take advantage of department opportunities and resources: seek out paid research assistantships, attend a talk in the Feminist Research Speakers Series, visit the Femlab feminist exhibition space, join the Feminists at the U of A student group, or just unwind in the student lounge in Assiniboia Hall.

5️⃣ Engage with learning in fresh ways through Community Service-Learning and Walls To Bridges opportunities in WGS classes.

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:

An Honors in Women’s and Gender Studies requires a minimum of 16 courses to a maximum of 20 courses in WGS courses or in WGS cross-listed courses, including at least four courses at the 400-level.

- WGS 302 - Feminist Research and Methodologies
- WGS 402 - Honors Seminar and Project
- Two courses selected from:
  - WGS 301 - History of Feminist Thought
  - WGS 332 - Contemporary Feminist Theory
  - WGS 360 - Race, Class, and Gender

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.

ENHANCE YOUR HONORS DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:
- Arts Work Experience, Community-Service Learning, Study Abroad, Undergraduate Research.
Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

**LEGEND**
- **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**
- **GAIN EXPERIENCE**
- **SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS**
- **NAVIGATE COURSES**

**EARLY DEGREE**
Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.

- Have inspired conversations and animated debates on global topics during International Week on campus.
- Meet your undergraduate advisor and plan your degree path.

**MID-DEGREE**
Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.

- Test your career options: volunteer on or off campus, or get a summer or part-time job. Reflect on what you’re learning and practise self-care.
- Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full-time, paid experience.

**LATE DEGREE**
Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

- Ready to toss your cap in the air? Apply to graduate!
- Add a Certificate in International Learning to your degree.
- Ask professors to be academic references.

**EARLY DEGREE**
Add research or creative activities to your degree with Undergraduate Research Initiative.

- Explore the Certificate in Community Engagement and Service-Learning.
- Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps!

**MID-DEGREE**
Get involved with one of the cultural clubs on campus or volunteer with University of Alberta International.

- Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

**LATE DEGREE**
Join a student group on campus.

- Add a Certificate in International Learning to your degree.