

## Sample Courses Women's Studies

Year 1	
WS 1020E	Introduction to Women's Studies
WS 1021F	Introduction to Sexuality Studies
WS 1022G	Gender, Justice, Change
WS 1023F	Introduction to Gay Male Culture: Beyond Adam and Steve
WS 1024G	Introduction to Equity, Diversity and Human Rights
Year 2	
WS 2160B	Intimate Relations: Sex, Gender and Love
WS 2161A	Women and Popular Culture: Garbo to Gaga
WS 2162A	The Body
WS 2163B	Sex, How To: Sex Education, Its History and Controversies
WS 2164A	Gender and Fashion
WS 2225F	Introduction to Girlhood Studies
WS 2250F	Making Men: Critical Studies in Masculinity
WS 2240F	Foundations of Feminist Thought
Year 3	
WS 3133G	Lesbian Lives and Cultures
WS 3153F	Bad Girls: Dissident Women and Popular Culture
WS 3173F	Queer Theory
WS 3305G	Culture Jam: Gender, Sexuality and Cultural Resistance
WS 3312G	Gender and the Environment
WS 3350F	Feminism Across Borders
WS 3355E	Feminist Activism
Year 4	
WS 4457F	(M)Ad Women: Women in Advertising
WS 4459G	Beyond GI Jane: Women's Roles in War and Armed Conflict
WS 4460F	Decolonial Interventions and Indigenous Activism
WS 4461G	Race and The Social Construction of Motherhood
WS 4464G	Gender and Development: Theory, Practice, Advocacy

NOTE: Not all courses may be offered each year.

# Women's Studies & Feminist Research



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## About the Department of Women's Studies & Feminist Research

An interdisciplinary and dynamic field, Women's Studies has undergone impressive expansion in recent decades. In the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research at Western, students study gender, and sexuality in terms of cultural norms and their implications from a variety of feminist perspectives. We explore how gender intersects with other axes of identity such as class, race, ethnicity, socio-economic standing, (dis)ability, age, and more. Encouraging the development of critical thinking skills, our discipline asks students to consider how knowledge gets produced and to what effect. We question how gendered understandings shape and shift our world in relation to local experience, historical realities, and the global present.

## Interdisciplinary Strengths

Our department's expertise encapsulates a wide array of interdisciplinary strengths across feminist theory and various feminist approaches to health studies, media studies, history, globalization and development studies, philosophy, law, writing studies and literature, and visual culture, as well as significant work in queer theory and sexuality studies. We are one of only a few units across the University recognized as a Department in both the Faculty of Social Science and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Further, we have a rich network of Affiliate faculty members appointed in many other departments across Western who are integral members of our learning community. We also promote feminist scholarship through provision for resident scholars, a Distinguished Speakers Series, faculty colloquia, annual conferences (including a graduate conference, and Flaunting It!, our annual undergraduate conference on gender and sexuality).



## Degrees Offered

The Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research offers the following undergraduate degree modules:

- Honors Specialization in Women's Studies
- Honors Specialization in Global Gender Studies
- Specialization in Women's Studies
- Major in Women's Studies
- Major in Sexuality Studies
- Minor in Women's Studies
- Minor in Feminist, Queer, and Critical Race Theory
- Minor in Sexuality Studies (formerly Minor in Gender, Sexuality and Culture)

These modules are interdisciplinary and are administered directly by the Department. Students register in either the Faculty of Arts and Humanities or the Faculty of Social Science. Prospective students are invited to visit the main office in Lawson Hall 3260 or academic counselling.

For further information about the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research visit [www.uwo.ca/womens/](http://www.uwo.ca/womens/) or contact:

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## Get Involved!

The Women's Studies Student Collective is a lively group of passionate undergraduate students which organizes talks and social events and publishes selected undergraduate essays and creative work in their annual journal, *Tulips*.



## Meet Levi

"One thing I fell in love with at Western was the dedication shown by the professors here. When I was ready to begin my thesis and started to ask around, I found people who were genuinely excited to supervise my research, and who have now been my mentors for going on three years. These people haven't just made me a better academic and student, but they also took the time to help me become a better person."

– Levi Hord, 2018 Rhodes Scholar, fourth-year Sexuality Studies, School for Advanced Studies in Arts & Humanities (SASAH) and Scholar's Electives student

