

Gender and Women's Studies (GWST)

Discover the intersections of gender, race, class, age, ability and sexuality in popular culture, everyday life, the arts, the sciences, politics, societies, and the economy. Our Gender and Women's Studies program explores relations of power in the lives of individuals, groups and cultures in multiple settings and sites locally and transnationally.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Gender and Women's Studies will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/GWST 1501 9.00 - Introduction to Gender Studies or AP/GWST 1502 6.00 - Introduction to Gender Studies	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside Gender and Women's Studies	Any course that is not a Gender and Women's Studies or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Total		30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With Gender and Women's Studies, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. Gender and Women's Studies can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

Children, Childhood and Youth English	International Development Studies
French Studies	Sexuality Studies
Human Rights and Equity Studies	Sociology
	+ many more!

Minor Options Include:

Children, Childhood and Youth English	International Development Studies
French Studies	Sexuality Studies
Human Rights and Equity Studies	Sociology
	+ many more!

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- Career-Focused Services**
Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.
- Academic Support**
Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.
- Social & Leadership Development Programs**
A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Sahar Yaghoubpour
Third Year Student
Gender and Women's Studies

"I love Gender and Women's Studies because it is an interdisciplinary field that involves many branches of knowledge such as sociology, psychology, history, and economics. What I like most is studying topics through a feminist lens and learning more about how gender intersects with race, ethnicity, class, age, ability, nationality, and sexuality."

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Gender and Women's Studies requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



Gender and Women's Studies Courses: Introduction to Gender Studies

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Gender and Women's Studies

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development of the fundamentals in Gender and Women's Studies.



Gender and Women's Studies Course Options: Mothering and Motherhood, Feminism and Consumerism, Sex, Gender and Popular Culture + more

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in Gender and Women's Studies will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



Gender and Women's Studies Course Options: Genealogies of Feminist Theorizing (Required), Women and the Professions, Bad Mothers in Literature Feminist Approaches to Development + many more

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, your courses in Gender and Women's Studies will be designed to meet your specific interests.



Gender and Women's Studies Course Options: Feminist Methodologies and Methods (Required), Gender and the Law, Writing Women's History, Gender, Globalization and Militarism + many more

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Gender and Women's Studies courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!