WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES, MA

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The Master of Arts in Women and Gender Studies program is offered cooperatively by Saint Mary's University and Mount Saint Vincent University. This program emphasizes the interdisciplinary basis of Women and Gender Studies, its community linkage, and its grounding in feminist theories and methodologies.

The Master of Arts in Women and Gender Studies will appeal to individuals with interests in:

- areas that combine a feminist perspective with global issues;
- gender in relation to war and peace studies,
- cultural and media studies;
- literary studies;
- history;
- theory;
- research methods;
- health;
- sexuality;
- education;
- social change;
- religion/spirituality;
- human rights, law, regulation and social justice;
- race and ethnicity;
- body image,
- paid and unpaid care-giving labour;
- family relations;
- creative arts; and
- feminist community activism.

This program is enriched by its access to a variety of library collections at universities in the city, by the presence of the Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies at Mount Saint Vincent University, and by its links with active local feminist communities.

Admission Requirements

Applicants may apply to either the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at Saint Mary`s University, or Mount Saint Vincent University. Students receive a Master of Arts Degree in Women and Gender Studies from the institution in which they are formally enrolled. Students are encouraged to apply to both institutions to maximize their chances of acceptance and funding.

Students applying to Saint Mary's University must meet the general admission requirements (https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/academic-regulations/admissions/) and follow the procedures of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research as outlined in the Graduate Studies Academic Calendar. To be admitted into the program, applicants will normally be expected to have a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree, with a minimum B average or equivalent. Students who do not meet eligibility criteria may be admitted with the requirement to complete a qualifying year or additional courses.

Enrolment is limited and based on the availability of Women and Gender Studies faculty to supervise a student's proposed area of research.

Application should include all recommendation forms, transcripts, and other required information. Applications are due February 1.

Financial Support

Full-time students admitted to the program may be eligible for funding administered by Saint Mary's University. Funding recommendations are made by the program All successful applicants are automatically considered for graduate funding. Students are encouraged to apply for external scholarships.

Program Requirements

Note: Students not registered in any course work but working on their Program/Thesis must register in Program Continuation (Prog Registration/Continuation (FGSR 9000)) for every semester (including summer) in which they are in their graduate program.

See the FGSR Program Requirements (https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/academic-regulations/program-study-research/) in the *Graduate Studies Academic Calendar* and below.

This is a thirty (30) credit hour program that includes both course work and thesis and can be pursued either full-time or part-time. The degree can be completed in two years. Graduate students have five years to complete all degree requirements.

All students are required to complete the following courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
WGST 6601	Feminist Theory [1]	3
WGST 6602	Feminist Methodologies [1]	3
WGST 6603	Graduate Seminar [1]	3
WGST 6604	Contemporary Issues of Feminism [1]	3
Select six credits of Independent Study/Electives		6
WGST 6698 & WGST 6699	Thesis and Thesis	12
Total Credit Hours		**30**

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The core courses rotate between Saint Mary's University and Mount Saint Vincent University. Students should carefully read the timetable to identify on which campus each course is taught.

In consultation with the Women and Gender Studies Program Coordinator, electives and independent study courses are chosen to support the student's special area of research interest.

The program offers a wide range of interdisciplinary elective courses every year. Students are encouraged to view Banner for current and future courses being offered.

Prospective students with particular areas of interest or questions about courses should contact the Graduate Coordinators.