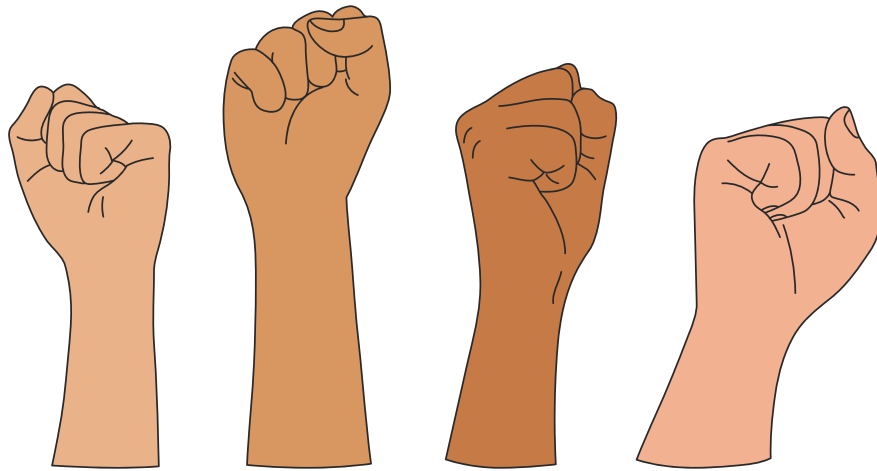


WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY



DEGREE OPTIONS IN WMGS

- Honours in WMGS w/ Subsidiary Subject
- Major in WMGS
- Joint Major in WMGS + Another Discipline
- Subsidiary in WMGS
- Minor in WMGS
- Pair in WMGS

IN 2021-2022, WMGS AT STFX TURNED 25 YEARS OLD!

As a field, WMGS critically investigates gender as a category of analysis that intersects with race, class, sexuality, ability and challenges oppressive structures of power.

We are a vibrant interdisciplinary program with longstanding connections to the feminist community in Antigonish, as well as to fifteen departments and interdisciplinary programs at StFX.

Committed faculty members practise interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship, and develop programming for students who are intellectually and politically engaged with the Antigonish and StFX communities.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A STUDENT IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES AT STFX?

"Come closer and you will see: feminism is for everybody."

bell hooks, Feminism Is For Everybody: Passionate Politics (Cambridge, MA: South End Press, 2000), x.

As a student in WMGS, you are joining an interdisciplinary field of study taught in universities for 50 years! WMGS at StFX is a dynamic program that is intellectually challenging and life-affirming. Core courses in the program enable you to engage with contemporary and historical feminist scholarship about gender, intersectionality, power, and identity. Cross-listed courses provide opportunities to learn how WMGS has influenced—and been influenced by—other disciplines and interdisciplinary fields.

The Women's and Gender Studies Program at StFX offers students many opportunities to experience that what they learn in the classroom can be applied to their communities and lives. Every year, students participate in community events like Take Back the Night, International Women's Week, and the annual Educational Forum, which brings together over 200 students from across campus to discuss important issues—in the past, we've focused on sexualized violence, slut shaming, cultural appropriation, and climate justice. In addition, we host and co-sponsor a wide variety of events that bring speakers to campus whose insights resonate with students' learning in class. Many WMGS classes offer opportunities to do service learning assignments, including as a part of the first year Social Justice Colloquium.



Students in WMGS are remarkably active in campus and community life. Our students volunteer at the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre/Sexual Assault Services Association, participate in the organisation of community events like Take Back the Night and International Women's Week, hold leadership positions within student government, work as research assistants for faculty at StFX, and contribute to several student societies on campus. The Women's and Genders Society is a strong voice on campus, and organises events ranging from sharing circles discussing sexualised violence to pumpkin carving. Each year, the WGS publishes a zine featuring feminist writing and art created by students. Our students have had a high success rate in the annual competitions for Undergraduate Summer Research Awards as well as the Summer Internships at the Centre for Women's Leadership at the Coady International Institute.

A few years ago, students and faculty in the program made a video about WMGS at StFX (click link).

Core Courses Offered in 2022-2023

WMGS 100 Introduction to WMGS
(3 sections)

WMGS 205 Gender, Sexuality, and the Body

WMGS 303 Feminist Theory

WMGS 346 Critical Race and Sexuality Studies

WMGS 299, 399, and 491 - Selected Topics

Cross-listed courses will be available when the timetable is released. A list of all cross-listed courses and information on degree requirements can be found in the Academic Calendar.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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Our program website is

<https://www.mystfx.ca/womens-and-gender-studies/home>

You can book appointments with Academic Advising and the Coordinator of WMGS to discuss your degree options at any time—and yes, it is possible to fill out a Declaration Form online!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch!

