

Women's & Gender Studies (HBA)

Specialist

Major

Minor

Department of Historical and Cultural Studies

See also co-op option

Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Toronto Scarborough is an interdisciplinary program that explores the intersections of gender, race, sexuality, class, age, disability, nationality and other relations of power that shape multiple social and cultural differences and inequalities. It integrates theory and practice by introducing students to scholarship from a wide range of intellectual perspectives, and challenges them to work for change and equality in their communities and in their daily lives. Through our innovative learning environments, transformative feminist teaching and curriculum, students will learn to scrutinize structures of power, inequality and injustice. Students will ultimately develop the knowledge, language and tools they need to challenge conventional assumptions about the world around them.

Complementary Programs: Health Studies, Sociology, International Development Studies, History

Make the most of your time at UTSC!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are listed. In fact, activities such as joining a student club, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study.

Check out future career opportunities and skills acquired from completing this program:

Competencies & Skills

- Gather, review, evaluate and interpret information
- Present information and ideas clearly and creatively in different ways (written, digital, oral)
- Think critically about the production of knowledge
- Turn theoretical concepts into social justice action/activism
- Develop an intersectional equity analysis lens of gender, race, sexuality & disability

Careers for Graduates

- Policy or Research Analyst in Government
- Researcher/Analyst/Outreach in advocacy and community groups
- Community or Social Service work
- Research Associate/Market Researcher
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Publishing
- Event Organizer
- Equity Advisor

Further Education

- Women's and Gender Studies
- Social Work
- Education
- Public Health
- Public Policy and Administration
- Advocacy and Social Justice
- Public Service
- Law School
- Paralegal Studies
- Human Resources
- Marketing



Connect with Alumni at events on **CLNx** and through **Partners in Leadership**, **10,000 Coffees**, **LinkedIn** and more!

For more information go to:
uoft.me/alumni-services

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YOUR PROGRAM?**

See uoft.me/choosing

Women's & Gender Studies (HBA) Major Program Pathway

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PATHWAY

Read through each year; investigate what appeals to you here and in other Program Pathways that apply to you. Note that this Pathway is only a suggestion. **For the most up to date information, please check the UTSC Calendar.**

YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)

YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

- 1.0 credit as follows: WSTA01H3, WSTA03H3.
- Explore different kinds of courses; this will also help with fulfilling breadth requirements and electives.
- Use Degree Explorer and the UTSC Calendar to plan your courses and program of interest.

- 1.0 credit as follows: WSTB05H3, WSTB11H3.
- Consider taking requirements listed under Year 3 and Year 4.
- Use Degree Explorer and meet with your Program Advisor to ensure you are on track with your degree.

- 0.5 credit as follows: WSTC02H3, and 2.5 additional credits in WST courses, of which at least 0.5 credit must be at the C-level, and a further 1.0 credit at the D-level (including 0.5 credit from WSTD03H3, WSTD04H3, WSTD09H3, WSTD10H3).
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.

- 2.0 credits from courses listed under requirement 6 of the Women's and Gender Studies Major Program on the UTSC Calendar website.
- Ensure you have fulfilled your breadth requirements.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Register your "Intent to Graduate" on ACORN by the deadline.

DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SKILLS

- Schedule an appointment with your Program Librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments.
- Get writing and academic English support at the CTL Writing Centre.
- Attend an Academic Integrity workshop.

- Further develop your general academic skills by attending workshops offered by the Academic Advising & Career Centre (AA&CC) and Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL).

- Consider competing for the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum.
- Consider participating in the annual Women's and Gender Studies symposium of student research.

- Apply for an Academic Travel Fund through Department of Student Life (DSL) to research, present at a conference, or engage with the international academic community.

APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE

- Attend the Women's and Gender Studies Open House.
- Attend the UTSC Faculty Mix & Mingle Fair to connect with professors and learn more about their specialties.
- Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning opportunities on CLNx.

- Get involved in relevant opportunities on and/or off campus; apply to Work Study, or other part-time and summer jobs on the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx).

- Build on your skills and knowledge through relevant events offered through your department, student groups, DSL and the AA&CC.
- Seek out research and volunteer opportunities with faculty.

- Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for summer and full-time positions relevant to your field.

BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)

- Get involved with the Women's and Gender Studies Students Association (WGSSA) or the Historical and Cultural Studies Students Association (HCSSA); also explore other relevant student clubs and activities on campus.
- Visit and get involved with the Women's and Trans Centre.

- Check CLNx to search for Work Study or volunteer positions on campus to gain experience and to get involved.
- Read the Department of Historical and Cultural Studies newsletter to find out about events, volunteer and work opportunities.

- Run for an elected position in the HCSSA, WGSSA, and/or Women's and Trans Centre.
- Look into volunteering or working overseas to expand your network through International Student Centre's (ISC) Global Learning programs.

- Participate in the AA&CC's Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning to work or further education.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Volunteer with organizations to explore your interests; check listings on CLNx.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair in September and register with SCSU's Volunteer Network Program to explore opportunities.

- Connect with professors and advisors early so you are on track with your post-graduation plans.
- Explore careers through the AA&CC's Job Shadowing and In The Field programs.

- Plan a career path with a staff member at the AA&CC.
- Check CLNx for networking events and employer information sessions to attend.
- Attend the Graduate & Professional School Fair in September.

- Attend the AA&CC's Get Hired job search conference in April/May.
- Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search "crash course" and for access to full-time job listings.
- Discuss your grad school plans with your professors and AA&CC staff and get your Personal Statement reviewed in the AA&CC.

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SERVICES AT UTSC THAT SUPPORT YOU:

To learn about resources and departments that can support you, download the UTSC Student Experience app or visit uoft.me/StARTNow

Diversity & Inclusion

The University of Toronto Scarborough commits to intentionally foster a welcoming and supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff where diversity is valued, and every member of the community feels a sense of belonging on campus.

utsc.utoronto.ca/edo/

Academic Integrity

The university community supports an environment of academic integrity; these are values that include honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. Learn about the university's academic rules and how to avoid accidental plagiarism by attending an Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) workshop.

academicintegrity.utoronto.ca/

Healthy Campus

UTSC provides supportive environments, resources and services to empower students to maintain their overall physical and mental health and foster their academic success.

uoft.me/healthycampus/

Co-Curricular Record

The co-curricular record is an official institutional document that recognizes your involvement outside the classroom as a significant part of your U of T experience.

clnx.utoronto.ca/ccr

DID YOU KNOW...

WST courses explore the intersections of gender, race, and sexuality, and help you apply theory to the real world.



FUTURE STUDENTS

For admission requirements to UTSC, check out the U of T Scarborough Viewbook or contact:

Admissions & Student Recruitment

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Room HL104, Main Floor, Highland Hall
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CURRENT STUDENTS

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Academic Advising & Career Centre

Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

Department of Student Life

Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

Historial & Cultural Studies Student Association (HCSSA),

<https://hcssa.weebly.com/>

Women's and Gender Studies Student Association (WGSSA)

<https://www.instagram.com/utscwgssa/>

Glossary of acronyms:

AA&CC - Academic Advising & Career Centre

CCR - Co-Curricular Record

CLNx - Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network

CTL - Centre for Teaching & Learning

DSL - Department of Student Life

HCSSA - Historial & Cultural Studies Student Assoc.

ISC - International Student Centre

SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students Union

WGSSA - Women's and Gender Studies Student Assoc.

WST - Women's and Gender Studies