

GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES

DEGREE MODULES AVAILABLE: Honors Specialization, Specialization

Our program in Global Gender Studies focuses on the study of gender as an organising principle within communities and global orders that bring them in relation to one another. In this program, students study how orders of gender and acts of gendering are deployed socially, culturally, politically, and legally to normalise relations of power in the world. They critically examine how gendered identities and gendering impact global inequalities and the interrelations of communities within contexts of globalization. Students learn how issues of gender, on global scales, are conditioned by and conditioning of issues of race, class, and Indigeneity. And they gain practice in the critical work of feminist theory, gender analyses, and queer studies across the broad terrain or research supported in the Centre for Global Studies.

THE GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM EXAMINES SUCH ISSUES AS:

- The function of gender ideologies in formations of state sovereignty
- Gender as a disciplined orientation to the world
- Discriminations of women on the bases of acts and policies of feminisation
- Queer resistance movements
- Interrelations of gender, race, class, and sexuality
- Feminist mobilisations
- The stakes of feminist theory and analyses
- Bodily resistances to governance

For more information, please contact the Director of the Centre for Global Studies through the website: uronatwestern.ca/programs/arts-social-science/centre-global-studies/

SAMPLE CORE COURSES IN: GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES

CGS 3515F/G - GLOBAL CULTURES OF GENDERING AND ORIENTATION

This course examines how material and social orders of our world are organised in practices of gendering and the normalising of social and bodily orientations. Students will engage contemporary feminist and queer theory, practical deployments of gender and orientation globally, and problems of resistance pertinent to the politics of both.

GSWS 2263F/G - INTERSECTIONS: RACE, CLASS, AND SEXUALITY

This course investigates the implicit and explicit connections among sexuality, gender identity, race and class. It uses feminist and queer theoretical approaches to examine the historical relationships between these intersecting factors and explore their legacy in the way that “othered” sexual bodies are perceived and treated.

CGS 3519F/G - GLOBAL INEQUALITIES BASED ON SEXUAL DIFFERENCES

This course examines core ways in which persons and populations are situated in positions of inequality under globalization and development contexts on bases of sexual difference and differences of sexuality. Students will study the significance of these differences and will gain practice in research methods appropriate to such a focus.

GSWS 2260 - WOMEN, LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE

How does the law affect women? What important legal changes have women fought for and achieved? What is the relationship between law and social change? Topics in a national or global context may include citizenship and discrimination, reproduction, health care, violence....

CGS 3529F/G - GLOBAL GOVERNMENTALITY

Critical examinations of global institutional and state-based networks' efforts to incite governable and manageable conduct amongst persons and groups in the world who do not already conform to the masculinist rationalism and individualism of orders of territory, population, and security.

GSWS 3312F/G - GENDER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

This course examines the relationship between gender and the environment, including the disproportionate impact of environmental degradation on women and children, gender and agricultural practices and policies, land tenure and access to and control of resources, and the role of gender and environmental activism at both local and global levels.

CGS 4014F/G - HONORS SEMINAR: GENDER

Examinations of the pervasiveness of gender and gender-specific experiences in social encounters, interrelations and communal structures in the world.

GSWS 3350F/G - FEMINISM ACROSS BORDERS

Is an inclusive feminism possible? Is a feminism that transcends borders and embraces a broader, more global spectrum of feminist voices than ever before feasible? Reading feminist authors from a diversity of backgrounds, we examine the attractions and challenges of a global feminism.



KRISTA VERVER

Global Development Studies '15

"I graduated with an Honors Specialization in Global Development Studies. Over the following several years, I worked in humanitarian response and development programmes in East Africa, Central Asia, and West Asia. My degree at Huron equipped me with a strong understanding of the interlocking systems of politics, economics, and power that characterize the work of aid organizations, helping me to navigate this world more thoughtfully."