

GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES

DEGREE MODULES AVAILABLE: Honors Specialization, Specialization

Global Gender Studies degree modules focus on gender-based and sex-based inequalities and formations in the world from specifically feminist and queer orientations in research, analysis, and theory. Combining the strengths and supports of existing Centre for Global Social Innovation courses with a range of courses offered by Western University's Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, this program of study offers remarkably rich opportunities to understand how global development, globalization, and cultural constructs shape and order individuals' lives and the dynamics of societies in the world on registers of gender, sex, and sexual orientation. Students gain especially strong practice in the mobilising of feminist theory, gender analysis, and studies in sexuality on global scales.

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 Social Innovation through the website: huronu.ca/programs/arts-social-science/global-social-innovation



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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."

SAMPLE CORE COURSES IN: GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES

CGS 3515: 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 2263: 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 3519: 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, and violence.

CGS 3529: GLOBAL GOVERNMENTALITY

This course offers 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 3312: 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, access to and control of resources, and the role of gender and environmental activism at both local and global levels.

CGS 4014: HONORS SEMINAR: GENDER

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

GSWS 3350: 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.

