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Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Programs

Studies in Women and Gender (BA)

Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Bachelor Degree

Options:

Major, Minor

Program Length:

4 Years

The Program

Studies in Women and Gender at VIU encourages students, using interdisciplinary approaches, to look critically at gender as it is constructed and maintained through cultural production, institutions, and ideologies. Gender functions as a marker of power alongside other categories of difference including race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, age, and disability/ability. Feminist understandings of intersectionality provide a lens for the exploration of gendered experience and tools for imagining resistance, activism, decolonization. The program is grounded in feminist theory and teaching/learning styles, and recognizes the value of a participatory classroom where diverse life experiences are included and recognized.

Program Outline

Requirements for a Major

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements.

Years 1 and 2	Credits
<p>Students require <i>twelve</i> credits in years 1 and 2, with a minimum of <i>six</i> of those credits coming directly from SWAG courses.</p> <p>Select up to four of the following: SWAG 100 - (Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies) SWAG 101 - (Civil Discourse and Campus Life) SWAG 102 - (Social Justice Issues and Children) SWAG 103 - (Care of Self: Feminism and Wellbeing) SWAG 200 - (Introduction to Feminisms) SWAG 201 - (Introduction to Gender) SWAG 210 - (Introduction to Indigenous Feminisms) SWAG 211 - (Introduction to Indigenous Gender)</p> <p>Students may take up to <i>six</i> credits from the following courses: ANTH 245 - (Archeology in Popular Culture) HIST 113 - (Canada Since 1945) HIST 114 - (Canadian Women's History to 1920) HIST 115 - (Canadian Women's History since 1920) HIST 208 - (North American Popular Culture After World War II) HIST 218 - (Gender and Sexuality in the Pre-Modern World) HIST 260 - (Sickness and Health from Antiquity to 1800) HIST 261 - (Sickness and Health since 1800) HIST 281 - (The U.S. First Ladies from 1885: Gender, Power and Politics) THEA 115 - (Participatory Drama) CRIM 213 - (Gender, Crime and Justice) SOC 212 - (Race and Ethnicity in the Modern World)</p>	12
Total Credits	12

Years 3 and 4	Credits
<p>Select a minimum of <i>thirty</i> credits of upper-level SWAG courses; including up to <i>twelve</i> credits of approved courses offered by other departments with a focus on gender or other categories of socio-cultural difference.</p> <p>Possible selections include: SWAG 300 - (Studies in Masculinity) SWAG 301 - (Discourses of Gender) SWAG 302 - (Queer Theory) SWAG 303 - (Unruly Women: Mainstreaming Rebellion) SWAG 305 - (Foundations of Feminist Thought, the Body and Representation) SWAG 306 - (Foundations of Feminist Thought, Work and Society) SWAG 307 - (Women and Autobiography) SWAG 310 - (Unsettling Canada: Indigenous Women's Activism) SWAG 311 - (Healing Words: Indigenous Women's Storytelling) SWAG 320 - (Advanced Women and Leadership) SWAG 330 - (Women and Gender in Digital Spaces) SWAG 340 - (Indigenous Feminisms and Indigenous Law) SWAG 341 - (Women and the Law) SWAG 380 - (Topics in Women and Gender) SWAG 400 - (Special Topics Feminist Theory) SWAG 401 - (Feminist Research Methodologies) SWAG 490 - (Directed Studies)</p> <p>Approved courses from other departments: ENGL 328 - (Gender and Sexuality in Literature) HIST 300 - (Women in the United States, 1600-1900) HIST 301 - (Women in the United States since 1900) HIST 339 - (Consumer Nation: Society and Business in Modern Canada) HIST 366 - (Popular Culture of Early Modern Europe) HIST 349 - (Education and Childhood in Canada) HIST 384 - (The European Witch Craze, c. 1300-1700) HIST 385 - (Women in Medieval and Early Modern Europe) HIST 471 - (Modern North American Popular Culture to 1950) HIST 472 - (Modern North American Popular Culture from 1950) HIST 473 - (Gender and Europe and North America: The 19th Century) HIST 474 - (Gender in Europe and North America: The 20th Century) HIST 478 - (Gender Issues in Health Care) HIST 485 - (Issues in the Social History of Nursing) SOCI 335 - (Social Problems and Solutions) ANTH 335 - (Ethnicity in Canada) ANTH 331 - (Studies in Ethnomusicology) PHED 380 - (Women in Physical Activity and Sport)</p>	30
Total Credits	30

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Requirements for a Minor

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

Years 1 and 2	Credits
Select <i>two</i> of the following, for a total of <i>six</i> credits: SWAG 100 - (Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies) SWAG 101 - (Civil Discourse and Campus Life) SWAG 102 - (Social Justice Issues and Children) SWAG 103 - (Care of Self: Feminism and Wellbeing) SWAG 200 - (Introduction to Feminisms) SWAG 201 - (Introduction to Gender) SWAG 210 - (Introduction to Indigenous Feminisms) SWAG 211 - (Introduction to Indigenous Gender)	
Students are encouraged to choose electives from the following courses: ANTH 245 - (Archeology in Popular Culture) HIST 113 - (Canada Since 1945) HIST 114 - (Canadian Women's History to 1920) HIST 115 - (Canadian Women's History since 1920) HIST 208 - (North American Popular Culture After World War II) HIST 218 - (Gender and Sexuality in Pre-Modern World) HIST 260 - (Sickness and Health from Antiquity to 1800) HIST 261 - (Sickness and Health since 1800) HIST 281 - (The U.S. First Ladies from 1885: Gender, Power and Politics) THEA 115 - (Participatory Drama I) CRIM 213 - (Gender, Crime and Justice) SOCI 212 - (Race and Ethnicity in the Modern World)	6
Total Credits	6

Years 3 and 4	Credits
<p>Select a minimum of <i>eighteen</i> credits of upper-level SWAG courses; including up to <i>six</i> credits of approved courses offered by other departments with a focus on gender or other categories of socio-cultural difference.</p> <p>Possible selections include:</p> <p>SWAG 300 - (Studies in Masculinity) SWAG 301 - (Discourses of Gender) SWAG 302 - (Queer Theory) SWAG 303 - (Unruly Women: Mainstreaming Rebellion) SWAG 305 - (Foundations of Feminist Thought, the Body and Representation) SWAG 306 - (Foundations of Feminist Thought, Work and Society) SWAG 307 - (Women and Autobiography) SWAG 310 - (Unsettling Canada: Indigenous Women's Activism) SWAG 311 - (Healing Words: Indigenous Women's Storytelling) SWAG 320 - (Advanced Women and Leadership) SWAG 330 - (Women and Gender in Digital Spaces) SWAG 340 - (Indigenous Feminisms and Indigenous Law) SWAG 341 - (Women and the Law) SWAG 380 - (Topics in Women and Gender) SWAG 400 - (Special Topics Feminist Theory) SWAG 401 - (Feminist Research Methodologies) SWAG 490 - (Directed Studies)</p> <p>Approved courses offered by other departments:</p> <p>ENGL 328 - (Gender and Sexuality in Literature) HIST 300 - (Women in the United States, 1600-1900) HIST 301 - (Women in the United States since 1900) HIST 339 - (Consumer Nation: Society and Business in Modern Canada) HIST 366 - (Popular Culture of Early Modern Europe) HIST 349 - (Education and Childhood in Canada) HIST 384 - (The European Witch Craze, c. 1300-1700) HIST 385 - (Women in Medieval and Early Modern Europe) HIST 471 - (Modern North American Popular Culture to 1950) HIST 472 - (Modern North American Popular Culture from 1950) HIST 473 - (Gender and Europe and North America: The 19th Century) HIST 474 - (Gender in Europe and North America: The 20th Century) HIST 478 - (Gender Issues in Health Care) HIST 485 - (Issues in the Social History of Nursing) SOC 335 - (Social Problems and Solutions) ANTH 335 - (Ethnicity in Canada) ANTH 331 - (Studies in Ethnomusicology) PHED 380 - (Women in Physical Activity and Sport)</p>	18
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