

# WOMEN'S STUDIES (WMST)

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## WMST 101 Women in Canada

3 Credits

This is an introductory course focusing on Canadian experience. Examinations of what constitutes the sources of history, Eurocentric, and androcentric traditions. Consideration of scholarship by and about women of diverse backgrounds from pre-contact to contemporary society are covered in this course. (3,0,0)

### Prerequisites

English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12 or equivalent

### Transfer Credits

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## WMST 102 Intro to Women's Studies

3 Credits

This is an interdisciplinary course integrating topics concerning women, gender and differences throughout the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Introduction to Women's Studies includes consideration of scholarship by and about women in the arts, literature, science, history, society, popular culture, politics and law. Examination and discussion of gender issues and construction of gender/roles will be emphasized. (3,0,0)

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## WMST 203 Women's Health Issues in Canada

3 Credits

This women's studies course provides an introduction to key issues in women's health in Canada with a global perspective. The first half of the course focuses on constructing a feminist framework for understanding women's health issues. The framework is introduced by looking at biological, socio-cultural, historical and political processes that shape and define women's health experiences, including ways in which medical knowledge has been constructed and applied to women's bodies. Starting with an overview of the current state of women's health in Canada and globally as a baseline, we look at how women's health is defined by the discourse of 'gendered bodies.' Women's unique biological functions are reviewed and then examined as they are reconstructed and represented as women's health issues by the medical community and media. The second part of the course engages the students in an exploration of four important topics in women's health: sexual and reproductive health; illness; violence against women; and mental health. With a focus on these four topics, the feminist framework is used to understand women's experiences of health across differences of race, class, sexuality, culture, and ability, with special attention given to issues of concern to First Nations women of Canada.

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WMS- 101 or WMST-102 or ANTH-101 or SOCI-101 or SOCI-102

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