

WGST Undergraduate Honours Thesis Guidelines **WGST4995-Six Credit Hours**

Senior undergraduate students majoring in Women & Gender Studies may be eligible to complete an Honours Thesis within the department. Undergraduate Honours Theses are worth six credit hours as they take place over the course of a full academic year. Written theses should be approximately 40-60 pages in length. Students may also submit theses using a variety of formats, i.e. visual, audio, digital, and performance, etc. All theses that are not submitted exclusively in written form must be accompanied by a twenty page (maximum) written component that discusses the theoretical framework, methods and overarching rationale for the project. All those who complete an honours thesis will be required to give a public presentation at the end of the second semester. Once the thesis has been completed, it will be added to Open ULeth Scholarship (OPUS) and made accessible through the University of Lethbridge Library. Students will be required to submit an electronic copy of their thesis to the department and have the option of donating a self-funded hard copy to the department's collection. All students who successfully complete an honours thesis are eligible to receive the 'Honours Thesis' designation on their official transcript and degree parchment.

The prerequisites are as follows:

1. Minimum fourth year standing (90.0 credit hours or higher)
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.3
3. A GPA of 3.5 in WGST courses

Students who satisfy these criteria and are interested in pursuing an Honours Thesis should contact a prospective supervisor in Women & Gender Studies in order to discuss potential thesis topics with them. A second reader from either inside or outside of the department of Women & Gender Studies will also form part of the Honours Thesis supervisory committee. Please take note that only students who successfully meet the prerequisite criteria will be considered for an Honours Thesis. Evaluation and grading of Honours Theses will be undertaken jointly by the student's supervisor and the second reader.

In order to demonstrate serious intent to engage in the research and sufficient knowledge in the proposed area of research, students will be required to prepare the following items and to submit them to their prospective supervisor in the term preceding enrollment in the Honours Thesis course. For example, a student wishing to undertake an Honours Thesis beginning in the Fall semester will be required to submit the following by the end of the Spring semester:

- 1) A detailed two page summary of the proposed project including a description of the format within which it will be presented (textual, audio, visual, performance etc).
- 2) A general bibliography of sources to be used that is of sufficient length and quality to demonstrate to the supervisor that the student has a theoretical and methodological basis for the proposed project.

The quality of both submissions will be the basis upon which to approve or deny applications for the Honours Thesis. Upon having read the guidelines for application and the list of prerequisites, students who intend to undertake an Honours Thesis should fill in and sign the form below indicating that they fully understand and accept the terms set out for an Honours Thesis in Women & Gender Studies. All completed Honours Thesis forms must be submitted to the Chair of the Women & Gender Studies department by the prospective supervisor.

HONOURS THESIS FORM—DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES

STUDENT NAME (Please Print):

Title of Proposed Honours Thesis:

Date: _____

Student Signature:

DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISOR:

SECOND READER:

DEPARTMENTAL CHAIR:
