



## Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2010/2011

Faculty: Arts & Science

### About the Women's Studies Major

Women's Studies provides an interdisciplinary environment for the examination of historical and contemporary significance of women from a global perspective. Analyses of culture, social institutions, human development and behaviour, and the gender constructions on which they are based, form the foundation of the program offerings in Women's Studies. Focusing on embodiment, and utilizing feminist theories, concepts, and methodologies, the major in Women's Studies seeks to inform, transform, and expand traditional forms of knowledge about women and gender in a culturally inclusive framework.

### Utilizing Knowledge and Research From Diverse Fields

Utilizing knowledge and research from such diverse fields as biology, psychology, philosophy, sociology, economics, anthropology, medicine, literature, political science, and ethics, students in Women's Studies learn about the ways in which women's lives have been constructed, how they have changed, and how they continue to change. The intersection of the study of gender with that of race, class, age, ethnicity, sexuality, and other social constructs will be utilized to inform students of the complex and often sensitive issues involved in the study of women and the global movements to improve their lives.

### Men and Women Have the Opportunity to Major in Women's Studies

Women and men have the opportunity to major in Women's Studies or to take individual courses in Women's Studies to add to and expand their knowledge and understanding within other disciplinary majors.

### Co-operative Education

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (B610 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

### Program Requirements

The B.A. degree with a major in Women's Studies requires 40 semester courses, including a minimum of 13 courses in the major. A maximum of 20 courses in Women's Studies is allowed.

### Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., Women's Studies 1000, 2700, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., Women's Studies (1000 level), Women's Studies (2000 level), etc.

**Unspecified Course Credit**      Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 20 from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if Women's Studies 2700 is required in your program, you could not use Women's Studies (2000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

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**Program Worksheet**

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**Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Required courses include:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Women's Studies 1000 - Knowing Bodies: An Introduction to Women's Studies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Women's Studies 2300 - Theorizing Women's Lives: Feminist Frameworks
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Women's Studies 2600 - Activism and Advocacy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Women's Studies 2700 - Feminist Approaches to Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5-13. At least NINE additional courses (27.0 credit hours) in Women's Studies including at least SIX courses (18.0 credit hours) chosen from offerings in Women's Studies at the 3000/4000 levels, including Independent Studies in Women's Studies:
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (3000/4000 level)
  - 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (3000/4000 level)
  - 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (3000/4000 level)
  - 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (3000/4000 level)
  - 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (3000/4000 level)
  - 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (3000/4000 level)

With the permission of the Coordinator of Women's Studies, students may take a maximum of two courses (6.0 credit hours) from other disciplines which offer related or complementary course materials.

**Note:** *Students may take more than one offering of a Series course (i.e. Women's Studies 3010, Women's Studies 3020, Women's Studies 3030, Women's Studies 3040, Women's Studies 3050, Women's Studies 4900) or more than one Independent Study for credit if the offerings (as indicated by the specific titles) are distinct.*

## Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in four years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

<p><b>Year 1, Fall</b>                      Women's Studies 1000                      GLER course                      GLER course                      GLER course                      GLER course</p> <p><b>Year 2, Fall</b>                      Women's Studies 2300<sup>1</sup>                      Women's Studies 2600                      Elective                      Elective                      Elective</p> <p><b>Year 3, Fall</b>                      Women's Studies elective                      Women's Studies elective 3000/                      4000 level                      Elective 3000/4000 level                      Elective                      Elective</p> <p><b>Year 4, Fall</b>                      Women's Studies elective 3000/                      4000 level                      Women's Studies elective 3000/                      4000 level                      Elective 3000/4000 level                      Elective                      Elective</p>	<p><b>Year 1, Spring</b>                      Women's Studies 2700<sup>1</sup>                      GLER course                      GLER course                      GLER course                      GLER course</p> <p><b>Year 2, Spring</b>                      Women's Studies elective                      Women's Studies elective                      Elective                      Elective                      Elective</p> <p><b>Year 3, Spring</b>                      Women's Studies elective 3000/                      4000 level                      Elective 3000/4000 level                      Elective                      Elective                      Elective</p> <p><b>Year 4, Spring</b>                      Women's Studies elective 3000/                      4000 level                      Women's Studies elective 3000/                      4000 level                      Elective 3000/4000 level                      Elective                      Elective</p>
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<sup>1</sup> Semester of offering may vary.

### Terms Used

**GLER course:** A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 85) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 306). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

**Elective:** A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 20 courses from any one department).



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