

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES: GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES (PH.D.)

**Offered by:** Religious Studies (Faculty of Arts)

**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy

## Program Description

The Ph.D. in Religious Studies; Gender and Women's Studies focuses on feminist, women's, and gender studies in relation to religious traditions.

**Note:** For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

## Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Presentation to Doktorklub of student's thesis research.

## Required Courses

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Course	Title	Credits
RELG 701	Major Comprehensive Examination.	0
RELG 702	Minor Comprehensive Examination.	0
RELG 703	Oral Comprehensive Examination.	0
WMST 601	Feminist Theories and Methods.	3
WMST 602	Feminist Research Symposium.	3

## Students admitted to Ph.D. 1

Students admitted to Ph.D. 1 take a minimum of six (3-credit) graduate seminars during their first year and a minimum of four (3-credit) graduate seminars in Ph.D. 2 including:

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Course	Title	Credits
WMST 601	Feminist Theories and Methods.	3
WMST 602	Feminist Research Symposium.	3

and one 3-credit graduate seminar with a substantive focus on gender and/or women's studies.

One 3-credit graduate seminar must be at the 700 level.

## Students entering into Ph.D. 2

Students entering into Ph.D. 2 are required to take a minimum of four (3-credit) graduate seminars including:

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Course	Title	Credits
WMST 601	Feminist Theories and Methods.	3
WMST 602	Feminist Research Symposium.	3

and one 3-credit graduate seminar with a substantive focus on gender and/or women's studies.

One 3-credit graduate seminar must be at the 700 level.

## Language Requirements

Modern and ancient languages as stipulated by field of study.