

SOCIAL WORK (THESIS): GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES (M.S.W.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Social Work (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Master of Social Work

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

The School of Social Work's M.S.W. Thesis – Gender and Women's Studies option is designed for students who have strong research interests and are particularly attracted to feminist theories and research methodologies. This program supports the development of advanced intellectual understanding and specialized research skills centered on gender, sexuality, feminism, and women in relation to "Children and Families," "Social Care and Health Studies," and "Community and International Development."

The thesis must be related to Gender and Women's Studies. The M.S.W. Thesis program includes graduate-level coursework and a research thesis. Students work closely with a Faculty supervisor. There is no field placement in the M.S.W. Thesis – Gender and Women's Studies program.

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 Courses (27 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
SWRK 698	Thesis Research 1.	12
SWRK 699	Thesis Research 2.	15

Required Courses (9 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
SWRK 605	Anti-Racist Social Work Practice.	3
SWRK 653	Research for Social Justice.	3
WMST 601	Feminist Theories and Methods.	3

NOTE:

While not a prerequisite for admission, possession of a working knowledge of the French language is important, not only to candidates who intend to seek admission to the Quebec Professional Order after graduation.

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

3 credits of 500- or 600- level courses in another department or discipline approved as a complementary course to the Option in Gender and Women's Studies by an MSW adviser in the School of Social Work.

6 credits of 500- or 600-level courses selected from the School of Social Work.

3 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
WMST 602	Feminist Research Symposium.	3

OR 3 credits of 500- or 600-level WMST courses;