

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

**Offered by:** Geography (Faculty of Science)  
**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy

## Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy in Geography; Gender and Women's Studies is a research-based program that focuses on interdisciplinary gender and women's studies and issues in feminist research and methods. The thesis must be on a topic that relates to both gender and women's studies and geography.

**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.

## Required Courses

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Course	Title	Credits
GEOG 631	Methods of Geographical Research.	3
GEOG 700	Comprehensive Examination 1.	0
GEOG 701	Comprehensive Examination 2.	0
GEOG 702	Comprehensive Examination 3.	0
WMST 601	Feminist Theories and Methods.	3
WMST 602	Feminist Research Symposium.	3

## Complementary Courses

Two substantive courses.

One of these two courses must be taken within the Department of Geography at the 500 level or above; one of the two courses must be on gender/women's issues at the 500, 600, or 700 level.