

**Joint Master of Arts in Women and Gender Studies  
GWGS/WGST  
2026-2027 Timetable of Courses**

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## Required Courses

### *Mount Saint Vincent University*

**GWGS 6601.01**     *Feminist Theory*  
Term:             Fall 2026  
Day/Time:        T 04:30-07:00pm  
Instructor:       Marnina Gonick  
Location:         SAC 555

**GWGS 6620.01/.  
WGST 6604.1**     *Special Topics in Women  
and Gender Studies*  
*Contemporary Visual Culture:  
Liberation Media*  
Term:             Winter 2027  
Day/Time:        W 01:30-04:00pm  
Instructor:       Jude Abu Zaineh (*Nancy's Chair*)  
Location:         SAC 309

### *Saint Mary's University*

**WGST 6603.1**     *Graduate Seminar*  
Term:             Fall 2026  
Day/Time:        M 12:00-02:30 pm  
Instructor:       Michele Byers  
Location:         AT 217

**WGST 6602.2**     *Feminist Methodologies*  
Term:             Winter 2027  
Day/Time:        T 04:00 – 6:30 pm  
Instructor:       Bishop Owis  
Location:         MM 211

- **GWGS courses are taught at Mount Saint Vincent University and WGST courses are taught at Saint Mary's University.**
- **MSVU students register for ALL their courses through MSVU.**
- **SMU students register for ALL their courses through SMU.**

**\*Note on SMU courses:**

- **R indicates classes held on Thursday**

## Electives

Students may take electives at either MSVU or SMU. Some courses may be held remotely.

Below you will find a selection of relevant elective courses for GWGS/WGST graduate students. It is possible to take other university courses as well as Directed Reading/Independent Study courses of particular interest to you. Please consult with your Program Coordinator about how to do this.

- Students should consult the relevant calendars for course descriptions and are responsible for ensuring that any requirements for admission to courses are met.
- Students may need permission from the professor and / or their Program Coordinator before enrolling in electives. Additional forms may also need to be submitted for registration purposes.
- **Please consult with your Program Coordinator about your elective courses.\***

### Notes Re Elective Courses At MSVU:

- All courses with a “WOMS” prefix **must** be upgraded to **Graduate Level** by the instructor of the course using one of the Directed/Independent Study Numbers noted above, an upgraded to graduate level course outline and appropriate permission forms completed and approved before the course is available on the system and registration can take place. (Link to Directed/Independent Study Form: <https://www.msvu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Directed-Study-Form-for-MSVU-electives.pdf>)
- All courses with a “GWGS” prefix are at graduate level and can be registered for using the course number listed.
- **Independent/Directed Study Numbers:** GWGS 6609, 6614, 6615, 6616. Directed Reading / Independent Study courses are one-on-one courses developed in consultation with a professor. Please consult with your Graduate Coordinator for additional information about the process.
- **Thesis:** GWGS 6699(01)A Fall; GWGS 6699(01)B Winter; **Continuation:** GWGS 6699(02)

### Notes Re Elective Courses at SMU:

- Many of the SMU electives are upper level undergraduate courses housed in departments and programs across the faculty of Arts.
- DO NOT register for these courses online, through Banner. For these courses to COUNT towards your degree, they must be assigned a graduate level course number (these start with a 6).
- Discuss your potential elective choices with your Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC)—they will help you make your selection and will help you fill out the appropriate paperwork.
- You may also be interested in exploring the possibility of taking a **Directed Reading** course as one or more of your electives. Directed Reading (DR) courses are one-on-one courses developed in consultation with a professor, usually in an area of their specialization for which no regular course is being offered. Your GPC can help you decide if a DR course is right for you, and who might be an appropriate professor to approach.
- All electives require the same paperwork: <https://smu.ca/webfiles/DirectedStudyApplication-withsignature.pdf> Your GPC will help you fill out these forms.
- The SMU WGST Thesis Course Numbers are WGST 6698.1/2 XX/YY and WGST 6699.1/2 XX/YY—you do not need to register for them until the rest of your course work is complete.

\* In some cases, students may take courses at another institution, if the relevant course is not offered at either SMU or MSVU. This requires additional paperwork and may require addition payment for courses. Students wishing to take a course at another institution should speak to their graduate program coordinator.

## GRADUATE LEVEL ELECTIVES

### Fall 2026/Winter 2027 – MSVU

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Room</u>
<b><u>Fall 2026</u></b>				
GFDD 6531.01	Feminism and Educational Practices	Th 04:30-07:00	Marnina Gonick	SAC 337
<b><u>Winter 2027</u></b>				
GWGS 6607.01	Queer Theory	T Th 01:30-02:45	Diane Piccitto	SAC 507
GFDD 6501.01	Gender, Sexuality and Education	Th 04:30-07:00	Marnina Gonick	SAC 511
GAFS 6614.01	Family Violence	F 09:00-11:45	Deborah Norris	EVAR 304
CCYS 6025.01	Equity and Accessibility in Child and Youth Studies	Th 01:30-04:00	Sarah Reddington	McC 106

### Fall 2026 / Winter 2027 – SMU

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Room</u>
<b><u>Fall 2026</u></b>				
<b>WGST electives (register directly through Banner)</b>				
WGST 6832.1	ST: Sex Education	M/W 1-215	Dr. Bishop Owis	MM223
WGST 6842.1	ST: Gender, Labour & Empire	T 4-630	Dr. Benita Bunjun	Online Sync
WGST 6879.1	ST: Disability Justice	T/R 1130-1245	Dr. Michele Byers	ATR217
<b><u>Winter 2026</u></b>				
WGST6836.2	ST: Reprod Justice & Parenting	T/R 1-216	Dr. Tatjana Takseva	MM211
WGST 6849.2	ST: Witches	R 230-5	Dr. Lindsay Macumber	MM028

**\*\*SMU MA students can register for these directly, through Banner, like your core courses. SMU MA students who want to register for MSVU electives or other SMU electives need to follow the protocol outlined in this document.**

## UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL ELECTIVES

For information on how to upgrade undergraduate courses to graduate level electives, please see p. 3.

### Undergraduate Electives – MSVU

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b><u>Fall 2026</u></b>				
WOMS/ SOAN 3371.01	Women, Resistance and Empowerment	W 04:30-07:00	Maki Motapanyane	McC 302
WOMS/ NUTR 3408.01	Queering Foods: Nutrition and Bodies	MW 10:30-11:45	Patti Williams-Cotter	Evar 409
ENG 3347.01	Imagining America	MW 3:00-04:15	Krista Collier-Jarvis	SAC 501
ENG 3363.01A	Feminisms and their Literature	MW 3:00-04:15	Karen Macfarlane	SAC 551
HIST 3322.01	Maritime Women's History	MW 12:00-01:15	Martha Walls	SAC 553
HIST 3322.18	Maritime Women's History	MW 12:00-01:15	Martha Walls	Synch On-Line
POLS 2530.01	Canadian Social Policy	T Th 10:30-11:45	Tammy Findlay	SAC 563
<b><u>Winter 2027</u></b>				
ENG 3363.01B	Feminisms and their Literature	MW 3:00-04:15	Karen Macfarlane	SAC 503
HIST 3305.01	Gender in Historical Perspective	F 09:00-11:30	Adriana Benzaquen	SAC 555
WOMS/ PSYC 3365.01	Psychology of Women	F 12:00-02:45	Mary Delaney	McC 302
WOMS 3420.01	Transnational Queer Studies	T 04:30-07:00	Ian Tian	McC 302
WOMS/ SOAN 3572.01,18	Sex and Sexualities	MW 12:00-01:15	KelleyAnne Malinen	SAC 513 Multi-AiNA

**Note: MSVU Buildings for Class Location:**  
**SAC = Seton**  
**McC = McCain**  
**EVAR = Evaristus**  
**ROS = Rosaria**

## Undergraduate Electives – SMU

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b><u>Fall 2026</u></b>				
GOEG 4828.1	Borders		Dr. Cathy Conrad	Online Async
PHIL 4590.1	Ethics of Microaggressions	T/R 230-345	Dr. Emma McClure	Burke 201
SOCI 4827.1	The Ethnography Lab	R 4-630	Dr. Mohita Batia	L269
<b><u>Winter 2027</u></b>				
CRIM 4829.2	Queer Criminology.	M/W 230-345	Dr. Allyn Walker	MM209
ENGL 3791.2	Lits of the Black Atlantic.	M/W 230-345.	Dr. Soji Cole	LA271
ENGL 3307.2	Poetics of the Archive	T/R 1-215	Dr. Luke Hathaway	Online Sync
POLI 4490.2	Far Right Politics.	T 4-630	Dr. Paulo Ravecca	B201
SJCS 4432.2	Gender & Law	R 4-630	Dr. Val Johnson	MM028
SOCI 3834.2	Men and Masculinities.	W 4-630	Dr. Pauline Hoebanx	MM209
SOCI 3828.2	ST: Sexualized Violence	T/R 230-345	Dee Dooley	ME110
SOCI 4832.2	ST: Sociology of AI	T 4-630	Dr. Pauline Hoebanx	MM209
SOCI 4849.2	The Sociology of Sport	T/R 1130-1245	TBA	LA177

### **\*Notes on SMU courses:**

- **TR indicates classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (R would indicate held on Thursday).**
- **SMU Buildings—here is a link to the map (<https://smu.ca/documents/campus-map.pdf>):**
  - **MM refers to McNally Main, the Main section of the McNally Building, whose main doors are at 923 Robie Street.**
  - **MS refers to the south wing of McNally.**
  - **MN refers to the north wing of McNally.**
  - **ME refers to the east wing of McNally**
  - **B refers to the Burke building**
  - **ATR refers to the Atrium building**
  - **L or LOY refers to the Loyola building**
  - **S refers to the Sobey building**
  - **Sc refers to the Science building**
  - **Hom is the Homburg Centre**
- **BDLI is the Buddy Daye Learning Center, 5450 Cornwallis St., Halifax**