

## 5 Things to Know

### 1. What is Gender and Women's Studies?

GWST is a dynamic and rapidly expanding interdisciplinary area of study. An alternative to the traditional curriculum, Dal's GWST program provides you with the opportunity to examine history, social structures, the sciences, language, literature, and culture from critical and illuminating perspectives.

### 2. Why study Gender and Women's Studies at Dalhousie?

Students in the GWST program develop a critical understanding of gender as a category of analysis in scholarly enquiry, social dynamics, cultural expression, and belief systems; and investigate the ways gender intersects with other factors such as race, class, and cultural difference. They study women's contributions to civilization and examine the social and ideological forces that have made these contributions "invisible" in the past.

### 3. What does Gender and Women's Studies Offer?

Our courses provide students with an opportunity to unite theory with social and cultural practice while always being mindful of addressing contemporary issues. GWST provides a context in which women can find strength and insight through exchanging experiences and ideas with other women, and a context in which women, men and non-binary individuals together can further human understanding and equality through exploring and respecting differences.

### 4. What kind of jobs do people with a degree in Gender and Women's Studies have?

Our graduates are ready for further study in professional schools or graduate programs, and prepared for a variety of careers such as **consultants, policy analysts, and officers in government and para-government organizations**, in **business and industry**, and in **educational institutions**. The fields they enter include **employment equity, public administration, health care, workplace conditions, personnel relations, publishing and editorial work**, and **public relations**.

### 5. Where to start?

Register for our first-year courses – GWST 1010: Introduction to Gender & Women's Studies, and GWST 1015: Gender and Diversity.

**Have a question?** Email: [gwst@dal.ca](mailto:gwst@dal.ca)

Learn more: [dal.ca/GWST](http://dal.ca/GWST)

