

*The Department of Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University ... welcomes students interested in the study of women, gender, sexuality, and feminism. The department's interdisciplinary degree programs and faculty offer scholarship in a wide range of subject areas in the social sciences, humanities, sciences, and contemporary arts.*

- Students may earn an undergraduate major or minor in Women's Studies, or a minor in Gender Studies.
- Both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Women's Studies are offered to graduate students.

The department's courses focus on expanding traditional scholarship by studying the ways gender has structured intellectual and social traditions and by exploring how knowledge can be reshaped when women are included. The programs also examine ways that issues of gender intersect with other structures of power, such as class, race, ethnicity and disabilities to shape social structures and ways of thinking.

Situating women's studies in the wider community is a very important feature of the Department. This is facilitated through the endowed Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair, a program that brings community activists and scholars to SFU to teach and to deal with issues of academic and social activism. Public seminars, conferences and lectures foster links outside the university, as do the collaborative research projects of the faculty and students.

