

**Women and Gender Studies Institute  
University of Toronto**

**APPLICATION: WGS460Y**

**Advanced Research Seminar in Women and Gender Studies**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ College: \_\_\_\_\_ Student No. \_\_\_\_\_

Programs: (Indicate field of study and whether Specialist, Major or Minor)

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Proposed Research Topic: (Attach preliminary bibliography)

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Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. If you are a Women and Gender Studies Specialist in your 4<sup>th</sup> year, you are automatically accepted. If NOT, please indicate why you feel it is important for your program that you take this course.

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## **WGS460Y – COURSE DESCRIPTION**

### **Advanced Research Seminar in Women and Gender Studies**

#### **Course Description**

Specialist students in the Women and Gender Studies Program are required to undertake an individual research project in the third or fourth year of their program. The course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to conduct advanced research on a topic that will make a contribution to the field of Women's Studies. Students will attend monthly seminars to discuss aspects of the research process: literature review, annotations, referencing, the organization of ideas and findings, the writing process, oral presentations, and production of the final major research paper. They will also schedule individual meetings with their Project Supervisors to discuss their research projects.

#### **Course Procedures**

Students wishing to enroll in WGS460Y in September are encouraged to meet with the Course Coordinator in the spring of the previous academic year. Application forms for WGS460Y are available at the Women's Studies Program Office, Room 2036, Wilson Hall, New College and on the WGS website. Students should complete the form in collaboration with their Supervisor. The form should be returned to the Program Office by **May 15** at the latest. Students are responsible for developing a research topic and finding an appropriate supervisor. If students wish to have a supervisor from a department other than Women and Gender Studies they should consult with the Course Coordinator.

#### **Course Assignments**

In the first term, students are required to complete an annotated bibliography on the scholarly literature relevant to their selected topics. In the second term, students will present their findings in a colloquium setting and submit a final research paper to their Supervisor and the Course Coordinator. Students will also be required to submit examples of work for peer evaluation and discussion in the seminar. There is an evaluation of participation in the seminar setting.

#### **Course Evaluation**

Bibliography	25%
Colloquium	15%
Final Paper	50%
Participation	10%

#### **Assessors**

Course Coordinator, in consultation with Supervisor
Course Coordinator/ Supervisor
Course Coordinator/ Supervisor
Course Coordinator

#### **Guidelines for Supervisors**

Supervisors are expected to collaborate with the student in the development of the research project and to schedule meetings throughout the year to monitor student progress. The annotated bibliography is graded by the Course Coordinator, in consultation with the Supervisor as necessary. Supervisors will evaluate the student colloquium and the final paper, giving a letter grade recommendation. The Course Coordinator will be responsible for assigning the grades of the colloquium and final paper, on the basis of a comparative evaluation of the students' work and the recommendation of the respective supervisor. The Course Coordinator will assign the participation mark, which will be based on students' contributions to the monthly seminars. Supervisors are encouraged to contact the course coordinator if they have any questions or concerns about the course.