

Women and Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto

WGS460Y: Honours Seminar

APPLICATION FORM

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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Course Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

CI'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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## **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 are responsible for developing the research topic. 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 the course instructor to discuss their research project.

## **Course Procedures**

Students wishing to enroll in WGS460Y in September are encouraged to meet with the course instructor in the spring of the previous academic year. WGS460Y application forms are available at the Women and Gender Studies Institute Program Office, Room 2036, Wilson Hall, New College. The form is also available on-line via the WGSI website at [www.wgsi.utoronto.ca/undergraduate/admissions-requirements](http://www.wgsi.utoronto.ca/undergraduate/admissions-requirements). Students should complete the form in collaboration with the course instructor. The form should be returned to the Program Office by **May 15** at the latest.

## **Course Assignments**

Course assignments vary from year to year according to the course instructor.

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 the course instructor. 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**

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