To keep in Mind:

- You will need to register for 2 electives (3 units each). You may choose to take GENDRST 704, or pick from the approved list below and follow instructions from that department.
- Please note that there is room for all GSFR students to take the GSFR Elective 705. You do need to request a seat in the course. Email gsfr@mcmaster.ca, GENDRST 705 is not available in 2018-19.
- Electives in outside departments are granted based on availability after students in their home department have registered. Please follow the instructions listed below for each department to request a seat.
- Some departments do not schedule their graduate seminars until late summer; if class times are not listed below, you will need to follow up with the department to determine the schedule for the class before registering.
- To help you find course locations, the McMaster Campus map is located here: https://www.mcmaster.ca/welcome/campusmap.cfm

Gender Studies & Feminist Research Electives 2018-19
http://gsfr.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/m-a-program/core-courses-and-gsfr-electives/

Term 1:

GENDRST 704 – Independent Study in Gender Studies & Feminist Research
*Students must have a supervisor arranged prior to receiving permission to enroll in MOSAIC. Please contact gsfr@mcmaster.ca for details*

Description: A Directed Reading course involves in-depth study on a particular topic of interest, under the direct supervision of a faculty advisor with expertise in the subject field. The format usually includes regular tutorial meetings with the supervisor, and written assignments are often a significant part of the course. Normally, the work should be completed in one term. The workload and intellectual effort must be equivalent to a graduate level half-course. Students have the option of taking a Directed Reading Course provided a suitable graduate course is not available in the current curriculum, and provided the course does not overlap significantly with a course taken previously. A written proposal, which includes the purpose of the course, a preliminary bibliography, an evaluation scheme, and a tentative schedule for the completion of the work signed by the student and faculty advisor should be submitted to the Program Director for approval no later than the first week of the term in which the student plans to undertake this work.

Term 2:

GENDRST 703 – Topics in Gender Studies & Feminist Research
Class Schedule: Fridays, 11:30am - 2:20pm
Location: TBD
Instructor: Dr. Amber Dean, deanamb@mcmaster.ca
Description: This course will explore topics related to the areas of Women’s or Gender Studies, feminist research, sexuality studies. Topics will change each year. Course topics include but are not limited to: Gender, Media and Performance; The Politics of Bodies: Disability, Subjectivity and Representation; Queer Theory; Critical Race and Indigenous Feminisms; Transnational Feminisms.

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Description: As Above
Approved Electives from Outside Departments 2018-19

Courses below are the approved list by the GSFR Director. If you see a course you would like to take that is listed elsewhere on the McMaster website, please inquire with Dr. Susan Fast at fastfs@mcmaster.ca.

The link to each department is below. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the Department or Instructor for the course to obtain permission to register. Please note that some Departments do not permit registration from students outside their own programs until their program students have completed registration and/or until the first week of classes. Students should also check the individual department sites on a regular basis to view/request the course syllabus and to check scheduling changes. Where available, the date and time are listed. You can continue to check the corresponding department website to check for updates.

Anthropology

https://anthropology.mcmaster.ca/courses

Email the instructor with a CC to gradmin@mcmaster.ca. Seats are granted based on availability.

Term 1:

None

Term 2:

ANTHROP 720/ GLOBALST 720: The Politics of Desire: Engaging the “Present” through Various Domains of Sociopolitical, Economical, and Aesthetics Protestations

Class Schedule: Tuesdays, 12:30pm to 3:20pm
Location: CNH 307
Instructor: Kee Yong, yongk@mcmaster.ca
Description: This interdisciplinary course explores the politics of desire during turbulent times in the current global neoliberal economic onslaught, witnessed by the proliferation of politics and protestations in various places that seek changes in contexts that resist it. Taking "desire" as an open conceptual domain that brings together the affective and the (ir)rational, the philosophical and the psychological, the personal and the public, the present and the future, or in Reinhard Kosseleck’s grim but still felicitous phrase, desires that “are now futures past,” this course will explore the construction of human conditions of what people want, what they imagine as beneficial, and what they strive for through the fields of politics, economy, and the philosophical. We will analyze and deconstruct the illusionary homogenized politics of desire as manufactured by the state and transnational institutions; and the heterogeneous politics of desire as mediated through quotidian expressions and other grass root social movements represented or unrepresented in the so-called public sphere. A major concern of this course is the relationship among political power, the production of subject(ivities), and the potential, if any, horizons of imaginative future.
Email the instructor with a CC to Cassandra Weimann at cweima@mcmaster.ca. Seats are granted based on availability.

Term 1:

None

Term 2:

CMSTMM 714 - Feminism, Technology and Science
Course Schedule: TBD
Location: TBD
Instructor: Paula Gardner - gardnerp@mcmaster.ca
Description: This course investigates contemporary academic scholarship, and art and media practices, residing in the interstices of feminism, technology and sciences studies with particular focus on cultural practices. It employs the resources of FemTechNet, a network of scholars and artists producing video dialogues and other curriculum in an innovative model of open source pedagogical delivery termed the DOCC (distributed, open, collaborative, course). The course invites a range of critical interventions (textual, media and art informed practices) that interrogate the productive intersections of these thematics. Course content will address how feminism emboldens and articulates emerging cultural concepts and issues, including queer and transgender representations, mobile, locative and wearable media practices, data informatics and politics.

CMSTMM 717 - Youth, New Media and Culture
Course Schedule: TBD
Location: TBA
Instructor: Christine Quail - gardnerp@mcmaster.ca
Description: This course investigates contemporary academic scholarship, and art and media practices, residing in the interstices of feminism, technology and sciences studies with particular focus on cultural practices. It employs the resources of FemTechNet, a network of scholars and artists producing video dialogues and other curriculum in an innovative model of open source pedagogical delivery termed the DOCC (distributed, open, collaborative, course). The course invites a range of critical interventions (textual, media and art informed practices) that interrogate the productive intersections of these thematics. Course content will address how feminism emboldens and articulates emerging cultural concepts and issues, including queer and transgender representations, mobile, locative and wearable media practices, data informatics and politics.
Term 1:

ENG 722/CULTR ST 726: Race, Labour, and Migration in the Early Twentieth Century Transatlantic Imaginary
Course Schedule: Mondays, 12:30-3:30
Location: CNH 317
Instructor: Nadine Attewell - attewen@mcmaster.ca
Description: Through readings of prose and visual texts from around the Atlantic, this course investigates issues of race and migration as these articulate with labour issues in the early-twentieth-century transatlantic imaginary.

Term 2:

None
Globalization

https://globalization.mcmaster.ca/courses
Students should contact Lihua Qian directly at globalhc@mcmaster.ca for permission to register for non-cross listed courses which include Globalst 718, 701, 704, and 749. For all the other cross-listed courses, students need to contact the department that administers the course. Seats are first come, first served.

Term 1:

GlobalSt 718* - Global Actors Beyond the State: Methods and Cases
Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 2:30 – 5:20pm
Location: TBD
Instructor: TBD
Description: This course examines the emergence and effects of global activism beyond that of state actors and associations of states. It introduces methods for analysing global social movements: frame and discourse analyses; historical approaches; case-based and comparative research; network analysis; and approaches that emphasize political processes and opportunity structures. We also examine various cases, including: human rights movements; campaigns against neo-liberal policies affecting the developing world; and international religious mobilizations. Students will work on research papers using research methods appropriate to a case study of their own design.

Term 2:

GlobalSt 701* - Topics in Globalization Studies I: Cultures of Globalization
Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 2:30 – 5:20pm
Location: LRW 3001
Instructor: TBD
Description: This course will expand the discussion of why globalization should be the focus of interdisciplinary inquiry giving particular attention to an identified key issue area in the field. For each of these areas, readings will be drawn from the social sciences and the humanities.

GlobalSt 704* - Global Social Policy
Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 2:30 – 5:20pm
Location: LRW 5001
Instructor: Yanqiu Rachel Zhou
Description: This interdisciplinary course introduces students to key concepts and issues of global social policy and its connections with globalization processes. It examines trends in global social policy and the diverse experiences of different welfare regimes across the world. Locating social policy within the context of global inequalities, this course also seeks a deeper understanding of the issues of poverty, social exclusion, and deprivation from an international perspective. In discussing the challenges and possibilities regarding the future of welfare, the roles of various non-state sectors (e.g., transnational corporations, international organizations, and international NGOs) in pursing social justice and human rights in the global context are also addressed.

GlobalSt 732* - Global Health and Environment Policy
Course Schedule: Mondays, 2:30 – 5:20pm
Location: LRW 5001
Instructor: Vito Buonsante
Description: This course explores the challenges in tackling the health impacts from environmental pollution (chemicals, waste, and climate change) at a global level. The course will address the issues on how scientific knowledge about adverse health effects from exposure to environmental factors is converted into policies.
History

http://history.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/courses/

Instructions: Please make requests through email to histdept@mcmaster.ca. Seats are granted based on availability.

Term 1:
None

Term 2:

**HIST 776: History of Sexualities in the Western World, 1750 to the present**
Course Schedule: Fridays, 9:30am – 12:20pm
Location: CNH 614
Instructor: M. Gauvreau mgauvrea@mcmaster.ca
Description: This course is intended as a historiographical introduction to the most recent advances in the study of the history of sexualities in the Western world during the modern era. Through weekly seminars, its intention is to explore the interplay between the definition and regulation of sexualities by religious bodies, governments, and medical and scientific experts, and the changing ways in which ordinary men and women have expressed sexual desire, and have articulated their sexual subjectivities.

**HISTORY 7XX: Decolonizing Indigenous History**
Course Schedule: TBD
Location: TBD
Instructor: A. Downey
Description: The goal of this course is for students to gain an understanding of several selected themes in North American Indigenous history while contextualizing them within the different perspectives of Indigenous peoples. Students will gain a greater understanding of Indigenous/Settler relations, colonization, theories and methodologies of 'decolonization' while developing their own interpretive reading and writing skills through course assignments. Furthermore, students will be introduced to understandings of Indigenous oral history, worldviews, and perspectives.
Labour Studies – Work and Society

https://labourstudies.mcmaster.ca/courses

You are encouraged to attend the first class if interested and speak to the instructor. If the instructor agrees to accept you into the course, send an email to Sharon Molnar at molnars@mcmaster.ca and include your student ID and the course code.

**Term 1:**

LABRST 700  
**Work, Workers & the Workplace**

◊ **THURSDAYS: 11:30-2:20pm, KTH 732**  
Wayne Lewchuk: lewchuk@mcmaster.ca

The focus of this course is the social, economic, political and gender organization of the workplace. It will provide a comprehensive examination of the theory, practice and history of work organization, its impact on workers and on the organizations representing their interests. Section One will provide a theoretical foundation for understanding contemporary trends in work organization. Section Two will examine work organization in the automobile industry and the spread of Lean Production. Section Three will examine organization in other industries such as the service and public sector with emphasis on issues such as emotional labour and the spread of computer mediated work processes. The final section will look at the role of trade unions in work organization, the future of work, and Karasek’s Healthy Workplace Model.

**Term 2:**

LABRST 740 (Selected Topics)

**Conceptualizing Unfree Labour: The Evolution and Stakes of the Debate**

◊ **WEDNESDAYS: 11:30-2:20pm, KTH 734**  
Judy Fudge

Disputes over the meaning of human trafficking, forced labour and modern slavery have both provoked and coincided with a reinvigorated debate about how to conceptualize unfree labour, a phenomenon that has attracted increasing attention as neoliberal labour regimes, best exemplified by global supply chains, have become embedded across the globe. Anthropologists, development scholars, historians, geographers, feminist and international political economists as well as migration scholars have added nuance to what has become a highly stylised debate between orthodox liberal and Marxian political economists about what makes labour unfree. This course will focus on how the debate has evolved, identifying different disciplinary perspectives, in order to assess what’s at stake in the debate. It will also consider strategies and proposal to end unfree labour.
Philosophy

http://philos.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-courses/

Instructions: Please email the instructor directly for permission to join a course.

*Term 1:*

TBD

*Term 2:*

TBD
Instructions: Religious Studies graduate students do not enrol in courses until September. Students should contact the instructor directly for permission.

**Term 1:**

None

**Term 2:**

None
Permission of instructor is required. Our School policy is that students shall wait until the first week of the term for such permission, because by then the instructors will get a clearer picture of the enrollment.

Term 1:

None

Term 2:

None
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**Term 1:**

**SOCWORK 721 - Changing Communities: Tensions and Possibilities for Citizenship and Social Justice**

**Course Schedule:** Mondays, 4:30PM – 7:20PM  
**Instructor:** Elene Lam - lamy4@mcmaster.ca  
**Location:** KTH 334  
**Description:** Considers how contemporary social, political and economic changes shape constraints and possibilities for enhancing social justice through grassroots organizing, (self-)advocacy, alliance-building, and community based research. The course examines theories and practices of community and citizenship in Canada and how notions of togetherness, common interests, active citizenship and rights and responsibilities are constituted, enacted, practiced and challenged in the community.

**Term 2:**

None
http://sociology.mcmaster.ca/courses

Instructions: Email the course instructor directly to request permission to join this course. Courses are held for Sociology students initially. Permission for non-Sociology students isn’t granted until the start of each class. If you have questions regarding your academic background, you should speak to the course instructor.

Term 1:

**SOCIOL 713 – Social Inequality**
Course Schedule: Thursdays, 2:30-5:20pm
Instructor: Melanie Heath - mheath@mcmaster.ca
Location: KTH 712
Description: This course reviews and assesses decades of sociological theory and research on inequality. It examines classic and contemporary theories and employs concepts from the burgeoning sub-fields to comprehend economic, institutional and cultural change. Using both macro and micro approaches, this course discusses ways in which forms of inequality are changing in contemporary times.

**SOCIOL 759 – Sociology of Gender and Sexuality**
Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 3:30 – 6:20pm
Instructor: Melanie Heath - mheath@mcmaster.ca
Location: KTH 712
Description: An examination of classical and contemporary theoretical perspectives on gender relations, with an emphasis on the development of feminist thought, and the links between gender, and race, ethnicity, citizenship, and class. The discussion of analytical frameworks for understanding gender construction, gender difference, and gender inequalities will be informed by research in selected substantive areas such as: the economy, work, family, sexuality, popular culture, and law.

Term 2:

None