



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
SOCIAL JUSTICE
CHANGE REQUEST REPORT

Change Request Tracking Number: 2025-SOC-9128

Title of Change Request: Program-Major Modification-GR-Social
 Justice Studies- Offering GWS
 specialization (involved in SJS programs)
 officially at the Orillia campus

Status of Change Request: In Workflow

Change Request can be split

CHANGE REQUEST CONTENTS

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CHANGE REQUEST HISTORY

Workflow Stage	Action Type	Action Taken By	Change Made	Action Rationale	Date
Initiator	Approved	Social Justice Department	Yes	Submitted to workflow	10/29/2025, 02:25 PM
Submission Review (Deputy Provost)	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	In correct workflow.	10/30/2025, 11:54 AM
Advisory Panel Review	Approved	Administrative Assistant to Provost & VP (Academic)	No	Advisory Review Panel has no concerns with this request.	02/09/2026, 12:23 PM

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

File Name	Uploaded By	Upload Date	Size
GWS Maj Mod Proposal Brief PROGRAM CHANGES update 2026.pdf	Administrative Assistant to Provost & VP (Academic)	02/09/2026, 12:22 PM	370 KB

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AUDIT TRAIL

File Name	User	Date	Action
GWS Maj Mod Proposal Brief FINAL .pdf	Social Justice Department	10/29/2025, 02:19 PM	Uploaded
GWS Maj Mod Proposal Brief FINAL .pdf	Administrative Assistant to Provost & VP (Academic)	02/09/2026, 12:22 PM	Deleted
GWS Maj Mod Proposal Brief PROGRAM CHANGES update 2026.pdf	Administrative Assistant to Provost & VP (Academic)	02/09/2026, 12:22 PM	Uploaded

CHANGE REQUEST COMMENTS

Date	User	Change Request Comment
10/23/2025, 03:02 PM	Social Justice Department	Expanding the Gender and Women's Studies specialization (MA SOCJ w/ GWS specialization 4 programs) to the Orillia campus

1.	New Version of a Degree	Master of Arts in Social Justice Studies (Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies) (Course Option)
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Justification

Expanding the Gender and Women's Studies specialization to the Orillia campus. See rationale for more details. Thank you.

DEGREE DETAILS

FORM: Major modification (A) – existing program.

NOTE TO USER about Quality Assurance requirements:

Visit this link to learn about the proposal requirements and the process for review and approval for Major Modifications to Programs.

Select the type of major modification you are making:

- Specialization

The following is information that is displayed in the University Calendar

Location:

- Thunder Bay Campus
- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Master of Arts in Social Justice Studies (Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies) (Course Option)

Program Requirements:

MA Social Justice Studies with a Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies – Course Work Stream

(a) Social Justice 5030 Theories of Social Justice

(b) Gender and Women's Studies 5101 Theory and Method in Gender and Women's Studies

(c) An additional 2.5 FCE from the approved list of available courses

Note:

(1) 1.0 FCE of the electives must have a Gender and Women's Studies focus.

(2) No more than 1.0 FCE may be taken as courses that are cross-listed with senior undergraduate level courses.

Note: Students are required to be registered for each term they are in the program. If no courses are taken then registration in Social Justice 9701 is required.

The following is information for Committee Review

Program Code: MA.SOCJWOME.CO

Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar: ~~2021~~2026–2227

Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?: No Specified End Date Use No Specified End date unless you are removing it from the calendar.

Faculty or Institution Unit:

- Lakehead University
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Academic Level: Graduate

Total number of credits for the degree: 4.00

Transcript Title of Program: MA Social Justice Studies w Spec in Gender & WS – Course Work Stream

Degree Type: MA

This major modification may require a proposal brief. See link above for more information. If applicable, indicate if your proposal brief is attached:

- Yes

In order to attach the Proposal Brief, save your work first and then scroll to the top and select Supporting Documentation tab.

Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?:

~~Department name change: Major Modification for Women's Studies into the Department of Gender and Women's Studies. There are no resource implications for this change. This is a change in name only. All learning outcomes and resource allocations remain the same. The name change reflects what we are already doing in the program~~
The GWS department in collaboration with the SocJ Program is proposing a major modification to officially make the GWS Specialization available to students at the Orillia campus. Currently, students completing the Specialization from Orillia are included along with students from Thunder Bay (i.e. their location is listed as "Thunder Bay"). The Specialization consists of one required course: WOME 5101, and that course has been offered via Zoom since 2020. The department intends to keep offering the course via Zoom. Serving students in Orillia has been the main consideration for continuing to offer WOME 5101 via Zoom. This requested major modification would simply formalize the option of specializing in Gender and Women's Studies to students on the Orillia campus. The degree requirements, options for focused streams, and admissions and graduation requirements would remain identical to the existing program. This major modification will serve to rectify the initial error in not including the GWS Specialization as part of the first major modification that established the SocJ program in Orillia.

The following is information for Senate Budget Committee Consideration

NOTE: Complete each section and provide full explanations for both "yes" and "no" answers. This will not be displayed in the calendar but will be used by the Senate Budget Committee when considering approval of this proposal. The creator of this proposal may be asked to attend a committee meeting to discuss this proposal. Contact the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee if you wish to discuss any of the questions below.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program within the same faculty/unit?: ~~See proposal brief. Thank you.~~No

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program in a different faculty/unit?: ~~See proposal brief. Thank you.~~No

Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc.)?: See proposal brief. Thank you.No

How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?: See proposal brief. Thank you.No impact: required course is already taught each year.

What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)?: See proposal brief. Thank you.No change.

Will this require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding: See proposal brief. Thank you.No

2.	New Version of a Degree	Master of Arts in Social Justice Studies (Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies) (Creative Project Option)
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Justification
 Expanding the Gender and Women's Studies specialization to the Orillia campus. See rationale for more details. Thank you.

DEGREE DETAILS

FORM: Major modification (A) – existing program.

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- Specialization

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Location:

- Thunder Bay Campus
- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Master of Arts in Social Justice Studies (Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies) (Creative Project Option)

Program Requirements:

MA Social Justice Studies with a Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies – Creative Project Stream

(a) Social Justice 5030 Theories of Social Justice

(b) Gender and Women's Studies 5101 Theory and Method in Gender and Women's Studies

(c) An additional 1.5 FCE from the approved list of

available courses

(d) Social Justice 5821 (9821) Creative Project

Note:

(1) The student must be supervised by an approved member of the Social Justice Studie and Gender and Women's Studies core faculty

(2) 1.0 FCE of the electives must have a Gender and Women's Studies focus

(3) The student's Creative Project will incorporate and reflect feminist scholarship

(4) No more than 1.0 FCE may be taken as courses that are cross-listed with senior undergraduate level courses.

Note: Students are required to register for the creative project placeholder course, Social Justice 9821, for each term they are in the program.

The following is information for Committee Review

Program Code: MA.SOCJWOME.CR

Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar: 20212026-2227

Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?: No Specified End Date Use No Specified End date unless you are removing it from the calendar.

Faculty or Institution Unit:

- Lakehead University
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Academic Level: Graduate

Total number of credits for the degree: 4.00

Transcript Title of Program: MA Social Justice Studies w Spec in Gender& WS --(Creative Project Stream)

Degree Type: MA

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- Yes

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Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc.)?: ~~See proposal brief. Thank you.~~No

How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?: ~~See proposal brief. Thank you.~~No impact: required course is already taught each year.

What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)?: ~~See proposal brief. Thank you.~~No change.

Will this require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding: ~~See proposal brief. Thank you.~~No

<p>3. New Version of a Degree</p>	<p>Master of Arts in Social Justice Studies (Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies) (Practicum Option)</p>
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Justification

Expanding the Gender and Women's Studies specialization to the Orillia campus. See rationale for more details. Thank you.

DEGREE DETAILS

FORM: Major modification (A) – existing program.

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Location:

- Thunder Bay Campus
- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Master of Arts in Social Justice Studies (Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies) (Practicum Option)

Program Requirements:

MA Social Justice Studies with a Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies – Practicum Stream

(a) Social Justice 5030 Theories of Social Justice

(b) Gender and Women's Studies 5101 Theory and Method in Gender and Women's Studies

(c) An additional 1.5 FCE from the approved list of available courses

(d) Social Justice 5601 (9601) Practicum Stream

Note:

(1) 1.0 FCE of the electives must have a Gender and Women's Studies focus.

(2) The student's Practicum write-up will incorporate and reflect feminist scholarship.

(3) No more than 1.0 FCE may be taken as courses that are cross-listed with senior undergraduate level courses.

Note: Students are required to register for the practicum placeholder course, Social Justice 9601, for each term they are in the program.

The following is information for Committee Review

Program Code: MA.SOCJWOME.PC

Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar: 20212026-2227

Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?: No Specified End Date Use No Specified End date unless you are removing it from the calendar.

Faculty or Institution

Unit:

- Lakehead University
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Academic Level: Graduate

Total number of credits for the degree: 4.00

Transcript Title of Program: MA Social Justice Studies w Spec in Gender & WS – Practicum Stream

Degree Type: MA

This major modification may require a proposal brief. See link above for more information. If applicable, indicate if your proposal brief is attached:

- Yes

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Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?:

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What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)?: ~~See proposal brief. Thank you.~~No change.

Will this require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding: ~~See proposal brief. Thank you.~~No

4.	New Version of a Degree	Master of Arts in Social Justice Studies (Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies) (Research Option)
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Justification
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DEGREE DETAILS

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- Specialization

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Location:

- Thunder Bay Campus
- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Master of Arts in Social Justice Studies (Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies) (Research Option)

Program Requirements:

MA Social Justice Studies with a Specialization in Gender and Women's Studies – Research Stream

(a) Social Justice 5030 Theories of Social Justice

(b) Gender and Women's Studies 5101 Theory and Method in Gender and Women's Studies

(c) An additional 1.5 FCE from the approved list of available courses

(d) Social Justice 5800 (9800) Research Project

Note:

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Note: Students are required to register for the research project placeholder course, Social Justice 9800, for each term they are in the program.

The following is information for Committee Review

Program Code:	MA.SOCJWOME.PR
Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar:	20212026-2227
Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?:	No Specified End Date Use No Specified End date unless you are removing it from the calendar.
Faculty or Institution Unit:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakehead University • Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Academic Level:	Graduate
Total number of credits for the degree:	4.00
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Degree Type:	MA
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