





Human Services (HSRV) 470

Activism and Social Movement Making (Revision 1)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

Delivery mode: [Individualized study online](#) 

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites: **WGST 200** or **WGST 201**, or equivalent.

Precluded: HSRV 470 is a cross-listed course—a course listed under two different disciplines—with WGST 470. HSRV 470 may not be taken for credit by students who have obtained credit for WGST 470, WGST 421, or HSRV 421.

Challenge: HSRV 470 is not available for challenge.

Faculty: [Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 

Overview

HSRV 470: Activism and Social Movement Making serves as a tool kit for activism and is founded on the histories, stories, knowledge, and strategies of activists and social movements in Canada and the United States since the mid-twentieth century. Based on the *Community Service Learning* model, students will learn by engaging in advocacy and activism by planning and implementing their own activist project or by volunteering for a community organization.



Note: This is the *capstone course* for the Bachelor of Arts, Major in Women's and Gender Studies. It is **not** a capstone for the HSRV program, but all students who have completed the prerequisites are welcome to take HSRV 470.

Outline

HSRV 470 is divided into three units:

- Unit 1: We Need Activists
- Unit 2: Social Movement Legacies
- Unit 3: Strategies and Challenges in Activist Organizing


Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for HSRV 470, you must complete and submit all of the assignments, achieve a minimum grade of at least 50% on each assignment and obtain a minimum composite course grade of **D (50%)** .

Students will be evaluated on their understanding of the concepts presented in the course and on their ability to apply those concepts. The final grade in the course will be based on the marks achieved for the following activities.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Zine Making and Reflection	15%
Assignment 2: Activist Strategies Book and Movie Report	40%

Activity	Weight
Assignment 3: Activist Plan	15%
Assignment 4: Activist Project and Report	30%
Total	100%

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

Materials

Digital course materials





Links to the following course materials will be made available in the course:

brown, adrienne maree. (2019). *Pleasure activism: The politics of feeling good*. AK Press.

Other Material

All other course materials are available online.

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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individualized study counterparts.

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