

Women & Gender Studies

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Women and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary minor that encourages students to explore the complex ways in which gender and sexuality shape who we are and how we live. Students study social identities, such as gender, race, class, ability, and sexual orientation, and explore how these identities intersect with related systems of oppression, domination and discrimination through history and geographies, and across institutions and cultures. The Women and Gender Studies Minor teaches students to recognize the patriarchal, heteronormative, and racial bias in the construction of knowledge; use intersectional and decolonial approaches to understand the ways in which race, class, gender, and sexuality operate together to shape relations of power and lived experiences in diverse global contexts; and apply feminist and queer theories and approaches to academic studies, social justice advocacy, and gender and sexual equity in our everyday lives. As an interdisciplinary minor, it ensures that students understand the variety of disciplines that inform gender and sexuality studies, as well as how gender and sexuality studies transforms modes of analysis across the disciplines. Through courses, invited speakers, and faculty and student research, the minor seeks to promote women's issues and gender and sexuality awareness in order to help students create a more equitable world.

Minor

Minors will take 5 approved courses (15 credits) from the following list. One of these courses must be WAGS 101 and at least two courses must be at the 300-level or higher. No more than two courses from any one department will apply to the minor.

WAGS 101	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies	3
ENGL 256	Types of Film Experience *	3
ENGL 262	Gender and Literature	3
ENGL 323	Studies in Eighteenth-Century British Literature *	3
ENGL 334	Romantic Matter(s): Subjects & Objects *	3
ENGL 337	Gender, Sexuality, and Literature	3
ENGL 374	Lust, Passion, and the Body: The American Novel to 1914	3
ENGL 387	Queering the Text	3
ENGL 389	Gothic Fictions	3
ENGL 388	Feminism & Film	3
HIST 220	Race & Gender in Medieval Europe	3
HIST 308	Premodern Women and Gender History	3
HIST 360	Women in the United States	3
HIST 388	Women in Modern Europe	3
HIST 389	Gender and Sexuality in the Modern Middle East	3
HIST 393	Global Feminisms	3
MGMT 460	Special Topics in Management	3

MUSC 400	Special Topics: in Music *	3
PHIL 230	Philosophy of Law *	3
PHIL 332	Africana Philosophy	3
PHIL 335	20th Century Philosophy *	3
PHIL 341	Global & Feminist Epistemologies	3
PHIL 350	Philosophers on Race, Class, and Gender	3
PHIL 352	Philosophers on Sex, Love, and Friendship	3
POSC 310	Special Topics: in Comparative Politics *	3
POSC 412	Senior Seminar: Women in Politics	3
PSYC 342	Psychology of Family Relationships	3
PSYC 343	Psychology of Women	3
RELS 238	Theologies Of Liberation	3
RELS 300	Special Topic *	3
RELS 318	Womanist Visions of Justice	3
RELS 323	Womanist Ethics	3
RELS 349	Women and Islam	3
RELS 374	Women in Western Religion	3
RELS 375	Religion and the Body	3
RELS 390	Sexuality and the Sacred	3
RELS 470	Religious Studies Seminar *	3
SOC 220	Social Problems	3
SOC 290	Codes of Gender	3
SOC 302	Race and Resistance	3
SOC 304	Social Inequalities	3
SOC 306	The Family	3
SOC 315	Special Topics: in Sociology *	3
SPAN 320	Special Topics: in Hispanic Culture Studies *	3
SPAN 420	Spanish Seminar *	3
SPAN 429	The Spanish Golden Age *	3
SPAN 440	Women in Hispanic Literature	3

* When these “topics” courses focus on a subject relevant to women and gender studies. Special topics courses are also occasionally offered in education, the humanities, business, and the social sciences and may count toward the minor with permission of the Women and Gender Studies coordinator.

A minimum grade of C is required for credit toward the minor.