WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR (BA, BS, HBA, HBS)

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The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major represents multidisciplinary approaches to the study of gender and sexuality, particularly as they intersect with race, ethnicity, class, culture, nation, and ability. The curriculum incorporates feminist social justice theory and research to better understand differences in power and privilege and to contribute to practices that help transform our world. Many classes incorporate a social activism component, and students are encouraged to consider the ways knowledge and activist engagements help promote social justice in local and global communities.

**Major Code: 808**

- Identify and explain the ways in which our lived experiences and social institutions are structured through the intersections of race, gender, class, sexuality, ability, age, religion, culture, and nation.
- Analyze current social and political situations from multiracial, transnational, and queer feminist perspectives.
- Articulate the ways in which systems of power, privilege, and oppression shape our experiences as individuals and members of communities.
- Develop skills in critical analysis.
- Develop skills and effective strategies for advancing social justice.

A total of 48 credits is required for the major: 27 credits of required Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies core courses, and 21 credits of elective courses. Electives may include courses taught in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies as well as courses that are taught in other academic units that are approved as Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program courses. These courses have a focus on gender, sexuality, and/or women’s issues, and have been approved as fulfilling the requirements of a Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies course. No more than 9 credits of these Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program courses may be used toward the major.

All required course work for the on-campus major must be taken on campus and no more than 6 credits of online elective course work can be used toward the on-campus major.

**Total credits required for graduation is 180.**

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Select 54 credits

**WGSS Major Requirements**

- **Core**
  - WGSS 223 *INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES* 3
  - WGSS 262/QS 262 *INTRODUCTION TO QUEER STUDIES* 3
  - WGSS 319 *FEMINIST DECOLONIZING METHODOLOGIES: SOCIAL JUSTICE RESEARCH* 3
  - WGSS 410 INTERNSHIP 3
  - WGSS 414 *SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION IN WOMEN’S LIVES* 4
  - WGSS 416 THEORIES OF FEMINISM 4
  - WGSS 480 *GENDER AND TRANSNATIONAL ACTIVISMS* 3
  - WGSS 498 FEMINIST PRACTICE 4

**Electives**

- PSY 465 WOMEN, WEIGHT, AND BODY IMAGE 3
- WGSS 110 *GENDER, RACE, AND POP CULTURE* 3
- WGSS 111 *FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON CURRENT EVENTS* 3
- WGSS 199 SPECIAL STUDIES 3
- WGSS 224 *WOMEN: PERSONAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE* 3
- WGSS 230 *WOMEN IN THE MOVIES* 3
- WGSS 235 *WOMEN IN WORLD CINEMA* 3
- WGSS 240 *GENDER AND SPORT* 3
- WGSS 270 *RESISTING GENDER VIOLENCE* 3
- WGSS 280 *WOMEN WORLDWIDE* 3
- WGSS 295 *FEMINISM AND THE BIBLE* 3
- WGSS 299 TOPICS IN WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES 3
- WGSS 311 *GLOBAL EXPERIENCE: CULTURAL DIVERSITY* 3
- WGSS 312 *GLOBAL EXPERIENCE: WESTERN CULTURE* 3
- WGSS 313 *GLOB EXPER: CONTEMP GLOB ISSU* 3
- WGSS 320 *GENDER AND TECHNOLOGY* 3
- WGSS 321/QS 321 *QUEER POP CULTURE* 3
- WGSS 324 *FEMINIST ACTIVISMS* 3
- WGSS 325 *DISNEY: GENDER, RACE, EMPIRE* 3
- WGSS 340 *GENDER AND SCIENCE* 3
- WGSS 350 *POLITICS OF MOTHERHOOD IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT* 3
- WGSS 360 MEN AND MASCULINITIES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT 3
- WGSS 361/ES 361/ QS 361/WLC 361 (RE)FRAMING RACE THROUGH FILM PRODUCTION 3
- WGSS 362/QS 362 *SERVING LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES* 3
- WGSS 364/QS 364 *TRANSGENDER POLITICS* 3
- WGSS 373/ANTH 373/ES 373/WLC 373 APPROACHES TO SOCIAL JUSTICE 3
- WGSS 375/ES 375/ QS 375 *ARTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE* 3
- WGSS 378/REL 378 *RELIGION AND GENDER: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE* 3
- WGSS 380 *MUSLIM WOMEN* 3
- WGSS 399 TOPICS IN WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES 3
- WGSS 402 INDEPENDENT STUDY 3
- WGSS 406 PROJECTS 3
- WGSS 417/PHL 417 FEMINIST PHILOSOPHIES 4
- WGSS 418 FEMINIST RESEARCH METHODS 4
- WGSS 430 WOMEN OF COLOR FEMINISMS 4
- WGSS 431/ES 431/ QS 431 *QUEER OF COLOR CRITIQUES* 4
- WGSS 432/ART 432/QS 432 *GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND THE PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE* 4
- WGSS 440 *WOMEN AND NATURAL RESOURCES* 4
- WGSS 450 ECOFEMINISM 4
- WGSS 460 *SEXUALITIES, FEMINISMS, WOMEN* 4
- WGSS 462/QS 462 *QUEER THEORIES* 4
- WGSS 466/PSY 466 *FAT STUDIES* 4
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Undergraduate Major (BA, BS, HBA, HBS)

WGSS 472/ES 472/ QS 472  *INDIGENOUS TWO-SPIRIT AND QUEER STUDIES
WGSS 473/QS 473  TRANSGENDER LIVES
WGSS 477/QS 477  QUEER/TRANS PEOPLE OF COLOR ARTS AND ACTIVISM
WGSS 482  GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN'S HEALTH
WGSS 483  RACE, GENDER, AND HEALTH JUSTICE
WGSS 485/ANTH 485/ES 485/WLC 485  CAPSTONE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE
WGSS 486  GLOBAL EXPERIENCE I
WGSS 487  GLOBAL EXPERIENCE II
WGSS 488  GLOBAL EXPERIENCE III
WGSS 490  SELF-ESTEEM AND PERSONAL POWER
WGSS 495  *GLOBAL FEMINIST THEOLOGIES
WGSS 496  *FEMINIST THEOLOGIES IN THE UNITED STATES
WGSS 499  TOPICS

Program Course Electives
Taught through other departments but approved as WGSS Program Courses
ANTH 473  *GENDER, ETHNICITY, AND CULTURE
COMM 432  GENDER AND COMMUNICATION
ENG 362  *AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS
ENG 416  *POWER AND REPRESENTATION
ENG 497  INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S VOICES
ENG 498  WOMEN AND LITERATURE
ES 437  *(EN)GENDERING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICA
ES 457  *LITERATURE BY WOMEN OF COLOR IN THE UNITED STATES
HDFS 444  FAMILY VIOLENCE AND NEGLECT
HDFS 447  *FAMILIES AND POVERTY
HST 362  WOMEN IN UNITED STATES HISTORY
HST 368  *LESBIAN AND GAY MOVEMENTS IN MODERN AMERICA
HST 390  *MIDEAST WOMEN: IN THEIR OWN WORDS
HST 432  THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY
HST 435  THE HISTORY OF EUROPEAN WOMEN FROM 1400 TO 1789
PS 317  GENDER AND POLITICS
PS 363  *GENDER AND RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
PSY 426  *PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER
PSY 456  SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
SOC 312  *SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY
SOC 430  GENDER AND SOCIETY
SOC 466  INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: GENDER ISSUES
SOC 480  ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

Total Credits 180

* Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)
^ Writing Intensive Course (WIC)
1 College of Liberal Arts BA/BS Requirements:
   • The BA requires second year language proficiency at the college level with C grade or better
   • The BS requires 15 credits in science, computer science, and quantitative studies.

2 With the exception of WIC, courses used to satisfy requirements for the major may not be used to meet baccalaureate or liberal arts core requirements.

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