

Women's and Gender Studies

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Program Mission

The minor in Women's and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary program of study focusing on how ideas about women, gender, and sexuality operate in and influence society. By looking at the biological, psychological, social, political, and cultural aspects of women, gender, and sexuality within different cultures and professions, the minor endeavors to highlight how ideas about these categories influence literature, the arts, the sciences, business, and technology. The minor also underscores the contributions women, non-gender conforming, and LGBTQ people have made to these fields and in other areas where they are underrepresented. An integration of coursework and cultural events will prepare students to think critically about how gender and sexuality operate in daily life, appreciate the contributions and struggles women, non-gender conforming, and LGBTQ people have made and endured, and prepare students for futures in social work, health care, business administration, artistic and cultural administration, media, nonprofit work, and graduate school.

Goals and Objectives

Program Requirements

Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
WGS 2001 Introduction to Gender Studies.....	3	COM 1000 or WRI 1100	
Select FOUR of the following courses from at least 2 departments.....	12		
COM 3009 Women in Film and Video		COM 2000	
ENG 2150 Gender in American Literature		WRI 1100	
ENG 3605 Contemporary American Women's Poetry.....		Any ENG 2000 course	
ECO 3340 Gender and the Economy		ECO 1201	
FA 3210 Women in the Arts and Sciences.....		{ WRI 1100	
HIS 3315 Women in the 20 th Century World.....		{ FA 1401, FA 1402 or any ENG 2000 course	
HS 1403 Women's Health Issues.....		HIS 1201	
PHI 3312 Women in Philosophy.....		PHI 2201 or PHI 2203	
PSC 2325 Women and Politics.....		15 college credits	
PSY 1114 Human Sexuality			
PSY 2229 Psychology of Women.....			
PSY 3370/SOC 3370 Gender Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspectives		{ PSY 1100, one higher PSY elective	
SOC 3010 Sociology of the Family.....		{ SOC 1000	
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Total credits required.....	15		

Students who complete the minor in Women's and Gender Studies will learn:

- How gender and sexuality have been constructed socially, culturally, politically, and scientifically.
- The challenges which women, non-gender conforming, and LGBTQ people have faced throughout history and their movements to create change.
- Critical and theoretical frameworks related to Women's and Gender Studies across disciplines.
- Appreciation for cultural and social events related to women's, non-gender conforming, and LGBTQ people's experiences.

Students who complete the minor in Women's and Gender Studies will be able to:

- Analyze the role of gender and sexuality in culture and society.
- Explain how gender and sexuality fit into power differentials across different social, cultural, and institutional settings and practices.
- Describe the historical struggles of women, non-gender conforming, and LGBTQ people for independence and equality around the world.
- Engage in critical thinking, discussion, and writing about women, gender, and sexuality as they are reflected in various disciplines.
- Articulate how Women's and Gender Studies is valuable in an array of career and educational paths.

