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)
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WGS 2001 Introduction to Gender Studies | 3 | COM 1000 or WRI 1100 | 
Select **FOUR** of the following courses from at least 2 departments........12
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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 20th Century World | | FA 1401, FA 1402 or any ENG 2000 course | 
HIS 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 1100, one higher PSY elective | 
PSY 2229 Psychology of Women | | SOC 1000 | 
PSY 3370/SOC 3370 Gender Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspectives | | SOC 1000 | 
SOC 3010 Sociology of the Family | | SOC 1000 | 

Total credits required...............................................................15