

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) explores:

- women's past and present contributions to societies as persons, creators, and thinkers.
- the intersectional diversity--racial, economic, sexual, religious, generational—of women's, men's, and nonbinary individuals' experiences.
- scholarship exposing the structural and institutional factors that perpetuate sexism, racism, classism, heteronormativity, and transphobia.

While WGSS is a discipline in its own right, our interdisciplinary program draws upon methods and content from a wide range of programs and majors, including anthropology, literature and the arts, biology, economics, history, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology. Our minor prepares students to:

- better understand individuals, particularly but not only women, and the social structures that impact the lives of individuals.
- think critically about the intersectional issues which they will face in their lives professionally and personally.
- extend their intellectual development by helping them to understand women's accomplishments and capabilities, and by looking beyond the limits of traditional gender-differentiated roles.
- think, research, and write while using strong interdisciplinary skills.

Thus, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is an essential component of a liberal arts education.

Any student may elect Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies as a minor in addition to their chosen major. The minor is excellent preparation for further study in law as well as for graduate programs in WGSS, psychology, social work, literature, and education. Graduates with WGSS minors are working in a variety of fields, including business, child and family services, education, journalism, and social service administration.

Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Required Supporting Course		3
DJS/WOST 241	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	
Choose one of the following Supporting Courses		3
WOST 102	Women's Voices	
WOST 198	First Year Seminar	
WOST 201	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	
WOST 203	Women in Popular Culture	
WOST 205	Women in Literature	
WOST 206	Fertility, Reproduction, and Family Planning	
WOST 238	Sociological Perspectives on Gender	
WOST 247	Latin American and Latina Women	
WOST 272	Women in the Performing Arts	
WOST 299	Travel Course	
SOC WORK 213	Human Trafficking	
Upper-Level Courses		
Choose 4 of the following courses		12
WOST/HUM BIOL 324	The Biology of Women	
WOST/HUM DEV 336	Gender Development Across the Lifespan	
WOST/DJS 348	Gender and the Law	
WOST 350	Topics in Women's Studies	
WOST/FNS 360	Women and Gender in First Nations Communities	
WOST/HISTORY 370	History of Sexuality in the U.S.	
WOST/ART 379	Women, Art and Image	
WOST/HISTORY 380	U.S. Women's History	
WOST/PSYCH 401	Psychology of Women and Gender	
WOST/DJS 437	Feminist Theory	
WOST 497	Internship	
WOST 498	Independent Study	

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