

WOMEN'S STUDIES

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DEGREE: Bachelor of Arts
MAJOR: Women's Studies

MINOR: Women's Studies

Women's Studies focus on gender, diversity, multicultural learning, critical thinking, leadership development, advocacy for women's and community issues, and the integration of knowledge into life choices. Students engage in community service through involvement in local organizations and advocacy programs, and participate in a range of activities such as art exhibits, theater performances, films, conferences, and seminars. The benefits of a Women's Studies degree include strong critical-thinking and analytical skills developed in a student-centered environment that encourages independent thought; the experience of applying what students learn in the classroom to the world beyond, through internships and service learning; and insights into questions of gender, diversity, and power central to any workplace. Graduates of Women's Studies find successful careers in a range of fields including the arts, business, education, health care, media, politics and law, social work, psychology, and sports.

The Women's Studies program offers a major, supplemental major, and a minor, described below.

DEGREE: Bachelor of Arts

MAJOR: Women's Studies

Degree requirements for the major include 12 credit hours of required Women's Studies courses, including one of the "Introduction to Women's Studies" courses and the Women's Studies Practicum, a project-based seminar, to be taken as the first and last Women's Studies courses, respectively; 6 credit hours of Women's Studies electives; and 18 credit hours from a number of cross-listed courses offered both by Women's Studies and by other programs/departments. The total credit hour requirement for the major is 36 credit hours with 21 hours at the upper division level. All requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

Required core courses (12 credit hours):

WS 201G, Introduction to Women's Studies, or WS 202G, Representing Women	3
WS 355 Feminist Inquiries	3
WS 451 Women's Studies Practicum (Project-Based Seminar)	3
WS 471 Seminar in Feminist Theory	3

Electives from the following (6 credit hours):

WS 450 Special Topics	1-4
WS 454 Women Crossing Borders	3
WS 455 Advanced Feminist Inquiries	3
WS 461 Women's Studies: Independent Study	3
WS 465 Sex, Gender and the Body Across Disciplines	3

Electives from the following cross-listed courses (18 credit hours):

ANTH 433/WS 433 Women, Gender, and Culture	3
ANTH 458/WS 458 Anthropology of the Life Cycle	3
CEP 320/WS 350 Special Topics: Sex Roles in Education	3
COMM 463/WS 463 Communications and Gender	3

COMM 462/FCS 462/WS 462, Family Communication	3
CJ 345/WS 345, Victimology	3
CJ 432/WS 350, Special Topics: Border Justice	3
CTFM 171/WS 171, Dress, Culture, and Identity	3
ENGL380/WS 380G, Women Writers	3
ENGL 401/WS 450, Special Topics: Medieval Women Writing the Self	3
GOVT 393/WS 393, Law and Sex	3
GOVT 453/WS 356, Women and Politics	3
HIST 351/WS 351, Women in American History I	3
HIST 352/WS 352, Women in American History II	3
HIST 419/WS468, History of Women in the American West	3
HIST 474/WS 474, Gender in East Asian History	3
HLS 380G/WS 381, Women's Health Issues	3
JOUR 380/WS 350, Special Topics: Women in Mass Media	3
PHIL 325/WS 325, Topics in Feminist Philosophy	3
PSY 370/WS 350, Special Topics: Sexual Orientation	3
PSY 359/WS 359, Psychology of Women	3
SOC 273/WS 273, Sex and Gender	3
SOC 359/WS 350, Special Topics: Sociology of the Family	3
SOC 374/WS 350, Special Topics: Comparative Family Systems	3
SOC 448/WS 450, Special Topics: Science, Gender and Technology	3
—SOC 459/WS 459, Advanced Issues in Sex and Gender	3
SPAN 483/WS 483, Spanish American Women Writers	3
S WK 497/WS 450, Special Topics: Women and Addictions	3
+HON 307/WS 350, Special Topics: The Political World of Women	3
+HON 386G/WS 350, Special Topics: Women in the Economy	3
+HON 387GWS 350, Special Topics: Comparative Perspectives on Women	3
*ENGL 422/WS 422, Advanced Study in a Literary Form or Genre: Blues, Women and Black Feminism	3
*ENGL 423/WS 423, Advanced Study in a Major Author	3
+ Requires approval of the instructor.	

* When topics appropriate. Other relevant courses as developed/cross-listed (to be approved by the Women's Studies Program).

MINOR: Women's Studies

A minor in Women's Studies consists of 18 or more credit hours of approved course work in Women's Studies of which at least 9 are upper division (300 level or above).

Required core courses (6 credit hours): WS 201G, Introduction to Women's Studies and WS 202G, Representing Women6
Senior Seminar, select one of the following (3 credit hours): WS 451, Practicum; WS 461, Independent Study; or WS 471, Seminar in Feminist Theory3

Nine additional credits from the Women's Studies approved curriculum, of which at least 6 credits are upper division (9 credit hours):9

Note: A student may not earn a bachelor's degree in women's Studies or a supplemental major in women's Studies and also earn a minor in Women's Studies.