

# Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies- Bachelor of Arts

For information, contact the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program Office, 126 MacMillan Hall, 513-529-4616.

Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program that investigates how our lives are affected by gender race, class, age, sexuality, religion, (dis)ability, gender identity, and nationality. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies emphasizes the importance of understanding gender as a part of wider social and political structures of power, knowledge, experience, culture, embodiedness, intimacy, and labor. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies courses are organized around contemporary feminist research and theory, and focus intersectionally on women, gender, and sexuality as subjects of inquiry. Our coursework also focuses on how theory and practice come together. Students may choose from courses spanning departments, disciplines, divisions and ideologies. The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program provides a context in which women's work and women's issues are explored in-depth, celebrating women's creativity, women's lives, and women's work. In Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, students find an active and supportive community, close interaction with faculty, opportunities to take on leadership roles, and an academic program that allows them to cross the traditional disciplinary boundaries.

Flexibility of the major requirements allows you to design a program to suit your needs and interests. This major prepares you for graduate or professional school and for a career in research and writing, a nonprofit agency, public policy, social services, business, law, education, or communication.

## Departmental Honors

To receive departmental honors you must complete WGS 470, register for one additional credit of WGS 470 which entails the completion of a special project, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 in the major. Students must register their intent to pursue departmental honors and file a proposal for their project in the WGS program office, 126 MacMillan.

## Program Requirements

(30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core courses</b>		
WGS 201	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WGS/AAA/AMS/CRE/LAS 211	Writing with Purpose: Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Communication	3
WGS 301	Women and Difference: Intersections of Race, Class, and Sexuality	3
Select one of the following theory courses:		3
WGS 351	Cultural Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Asian/America	
WGS/PHL 355	Feminist Theory	
WGS/ENG 356	Women and Gender in Film	

WGS/ENG 435	Queer Theory	
WGS/CRE/ENG 437	Black Feminist Theory	
Feminist theory course approved by a WGS advisor		
Select one of the following capstones:		3
WGS 401	The Role of Women in a Transforming Society	
WGS/CRE/ENG 432	Feminism and the Diaspora: U.S. Women of Color	
<b>Focus Area</b>		
Select at least 15 hours of WGS or WGS cross-listed courses <sup>1</sup>		15
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> A maximum of 6 semester hours, taken in an approved internship, community action, or service learning experience, may be substituted for course work. A course cannot count both as a core course and toward one's additional 15 hours.

Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies meet the College of Arts and Science writing in the major requirement by completing the following courses: WGS 211/AAA 211/AMS 211/CRE 211/LAS 211 and either WGS 432 or WGS 401.