

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Co-Major

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.

Program Requirements

(27 semester hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
WGS 201 or WGS 202	Introduction to Women's Studies Introduction to GLBT Studies	3
WGS 211	Writing with Purpose: Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Communication	3
WGS 301	Women and Difference: Intersections of Race, Class, and Sexuality	3
WGS 401	The Role of Women in a Transforming Society	3
Select one of the following theory courses:		3
WGS 351	Cultural Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Asian/America	
WGS 355	Feminist Theory	
WGS 356	Women and Gender in Film	
WGS 435	Queer Theory	
Feminist theory course approved by a WGS advisor		
Focus Area		12

Select at least 12 hours of WGS or WGS cross-listed courses. 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 towards one's additional 12 hours.

Total Credit Hours

27