INTRODUCTION

Women and Gender Studies emphasizes the study of gender-based movements, gendered experience, research, analysis and theory, from a women-centered perspective, as subjects and as researchers. Core courses incorporate information technologies and community service learning experiences that offer students opportunities to develop essential skills and civic commitments. Students develop links to the community and to businesses and professional sites where they have opportunities to apply and evaluate the research, methods and theories that they are studying.

LEARNING GOALS AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The following learning goals and learning outcomes have been established for students pursuing a degree in Women and Gender Studies:

Theoretical Knowledge
- Articulate and critique multiple theoretical frameworks
- Integrate historical and contemporary knowledge of women’s movements globally and in the U.S. into an analysis of gender issues

Methodology
- Understand and apply feminist epistemology and research methods demonstrated through independent research using standard English grammar and coherent written organization

Critical Thinking
- Analyze and evaluate texts and ideas in both oral and written modalities

Leadership
- Demonstrate leadership skills by organizing and implementing projects

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WOMEN’S STUDIES (120 UNITS)

The Bachelor of Arts in Women’s Studies requires 39 units in the major, including core, breadth and elective courses.

The program is designed for students who have a particular interest in learning more about gender roles and status of women in society. Cross-disciplinary in structure, the major draws from a wide variety of courses offered by many departments throughout the university. Women and Gender Studies majors develop proficiency in a wide variety of research methodologies appropriate to humanities and the social sciences, as well as the areas of business, science and the arts. The goals of the major are to apply concepts learned in Women and Gender Studies courses to other academic areas, to encourage more students to conduct research in the area and to prepare students in selected career...
paths where sensitivity to women’s issues is important (particularly in business, education, counseling, human services, public administration and the health professions, as well as liberal arts degrees in general).

**Core Requirements (18 units)**

WMST 205  Gender and Globalization (3)
WMST/PHIL 302  Introduction to Women’s Studies (3)
WMST 350  Research, Methodology and Writing (3)
WMST 450  Theory, Practice, Internship and Community Service (6) (capstone class)
WMST 480  Feminist Theories (3)

**Breadth Requirements (9 units)**

AMST 320  Women in American Society (3)
ANTH 332  Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3)
PSYC 310  Psychology of Women (3)
SOCI 354  Gender, Sex and Society (3)
PHIL/WMST 343  Philosophy of Feminism (3)
WMST 360  Politics of Sexuality (3)
POSC/WMST 485  Women and Politics (3)

**Elective Options (12 units)**

Select from the following or from additional breadth requirements

AFAM/WMST 306, 310
AFAM/HUSR 311
AMST 413, 419, 420
AMST/WMST 312
ANTH/WMST 316
ART 401
ASAM/WMST 308
BIOL 360
CHIC/WMST 313
CRJU 430
ECON/WMST 355
ENGL 355T
FREN 485*
GRMN 485T*
HIST 377, 424T, 449A
HIST/WMST 332
KNES 480
LING 369
MUS 305
PHIL 325
POSC 474

**Variable Topics (1-3 units) or Independent Study (1-3)**

(can be arranged through various departments)

*When listed in the schedule of classes with an emphasis on women

**MINOR IN QUEER STUDIES (18 UNITS)**

The minor in Queer Studies creates an opportunity for students to engage in rigorous critical thinking beyond the disciplinary range of any single department. Due to the growing demand for sensitivity and nuance toward issues relating to diversity, the Queer Studies minor has wide applicability within the public and private sectors.

**Core Courses (6 units)**

WMST 360  Politics of Sexuality (3)
WMST 420  Queer Theory (3)

**Plus, ONE of the following:**

PSYC 456  The Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Experiences (3)
AMST 473  Sexual Orientations and American Culture (3)

**Elective Courses (9 units)**

Select from the following. No more than six units from the same department.

AMST 413, 377, 419
ANTH 316
ASAM 344
CAS 380
CHIC 305, 313
HIST 437B, 437C
HUSR/AFAM 311
PHIL 325, 343, 377, 384
PSYC 312
SOCI 354, 357, 381

**MINOR IN WOMEN’S STUDIES (24 UNITS)**

The Minor in Women’s Studies has wide applicability and career goals to work in other disciplines. Students have the opportunity to extend academic or career interests in ethnic or international studies or in specific disciplines to include gender analysis through independent study units that can be applied toward their minor.
Core Courses (6 units)
WMST 205 Gender and Globalization (3)
WMST 302 Introduction to Women's Studies (3)

Breadth Courses (9 units)
Chosen from courses listed above under breadth requirements for major.

Elective Courses (9 units)
Chosen from list of elective options for major listed above.

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES COURSES
Courses are designated as WMST in the class schedule.

100 Introduction to Gender Studies in the Humanities (3)
Gender representation in the humanities, using primary texts from around the world that shape global perspectives on the human condition. Concepts studied include rationality, the moral dimensions of individuals and communities and the social construction of gender. One or more sections offered online.

101 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (3)
(Same as AFAM 101)

205 Gender and Globalization (3)
Prerequisite: completion of General Education (G.E.) Category C.1 or D.1. How globalization affects women's lives through the distribution of wealth, knowledge and opportunity. Focuses on local and transnational responses to global processes and how activists can work within and between these movements. International in focus. One or more sections offered online.

220 Introduction to Gender and Social Space (3)
Introduction to gender within the history of geography as a social science. Concepts such as the social construction of gender and space, and how these concepts vary in different geographical regions. (Same as GEOG 220)

302 Introduction to Women's Studies (3)
Prerequisite: PHIL 100, BIOL 101, PSYC 100 or SOCI 100. Interdisciplinary introduction to intercultural women's issues and research in relevant disciplines. One or more sections offered online. (Same as PHIL 302).

306 American Indian Women (3)
(Same as AFAM 306)

308 Asian American Women (3)
(Same as ASAM 308)

310 Black Women in America (3)
(Same as AFAM 310)

312 Multicultural Identities and Women's Experience (3)
(Same as AMST 312)

313 La Chicana (3)
(Same as CHIC 313)

316 Anthropology of Sex and Gender (3)
(Same as ANTH 316)

320 Gendered Techno-culture (3)
Prerequisites: completion of G.E. Categories C.1, C.2. Current technologies and their relationship to gender issues, combining theoretical considerations with practical applications. Students will learn some basic technologies to use as tools for their projects.

330 Women in Leadership (3)
Prerequisite: completion of G.E. Category C.2 or D.1. Women's conceptions of corporate and grassroots leadership. Examines traditional notions of leadership, successful leaders in business, education and politics, and how women become strong leaders.

332 Concepts and Approaches in Women's History (3)
(Same as HIST 332)

343 Philosophy of Feminism (3)
(Same as PHIL 343)

350 Research, Methodology and Writing (3)
Prerequisite: WMST 302. Study and evaluation of various methodological approaches used to address gender issues, such as survey analysis, oral history, personal narrative and ethnography. Development of research skills, including computer applications. Development of writing skills, including research papers.

355 Economics of Gender and Work (3)
(Same as ECON 355)

360 Politics of Sexuality (3)
Prerequisite: completion of G.E. Category D1. Critical examination of the cultural politics of sexuality within the United States and across national and cultural boundaries using feminist theories and methods. A focus on sexual controversies illuminates the relationship between sex, power and social change.

410 Women, Health and Aging (3)
Prerequisite: junior or senior standing. Critical analysis of influential gendered images found in literature, painting, films and advertising that depict disability and other health issues related to aging. (Same as GERO 410)

420 Queer Theory (3)
Prerequisite: Completion of G.E. Category C.3. Theories and debates in queer studies, emphasizing sexualities and the settings in which they are lived, celebrated and contested. Critically assess sexuality as an economic, political and social category of identity.
450 Theory, Practice, Internship and Community Service (6)

Capstone Course. Two-tiered course that studies and evaluates analysis of theory and practice, and incorporates a semester-long on-site community-based learning component. Applications of theory evaluated through in-class and Internet discussion and writing projects.

470T Topics in Women Studies (3)

Prerequisites: WMST 205, 302, graduate status or instructor permission. Students will engage in discussion and analysis of current topics and issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. Current Topics include Feminism and Popular Culture; Sex, Gender and Rock and Roll. May be repeated once for credit when topic changes.

480 Feminist Theories (3)

Prerequisite: WMST 302 or 343. Study of history and theories of feminism. Readings and discussions of theoretical developments in feminist thought and activism. Historical overview of connections between women as social actors and agents of social change and feminist theorizing.

485 Women and Politics (3)

( Same as POSC 485)

490T Advanced Readings in Feminist Theory (3)

Prerequisites: WMST 302, 480. Covers the work of a single feminist writer, such as Simone de Beauvoir, Angela Davis and Gloria Anzaldua for an entire semester.

499 Independent Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: approval by instructor teaching a Women and Gender Studies class, or by Coordinator of Women and Gender Studies. An opportunity to do extended research in Women and Gender Studies, or to link an interest in another discipline to an interest in Women and Gender Studies.