Overview of WGS Degree Requirements
The Bachelor of Arts in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality is an interdisciplinary program offered by the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality program with two joint-appointment faculty members on loan from a variety of academic units or hired part time for their particular expertise. Students who major in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies are employed in social service work, health services occupations, business, law, education, and government at all levels. They find employment in public policy fields, working with women specifically or with people in general. In the private sector graduates are successful in management positions, especially in those involving work with diverse groups of people. Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies also an excellent second major or minor for students majoring in a wide variety of disciplines, such as anthropology, nursing, political science, sociology, English, social work, and history.

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies majors will gain a more complete understanding of how the social construction of gender has influenced the roles, contributions, and experiences of both women and men in many different cultures, now and in the past. Such awareness can help them better understand our contemporary world with its changing roles for all. They will bring to the gender analysis of any situation knowledge of the complexity of its interaction with race, social class, sexual orientation, and other forms of diversity. They will be able to recognize the connection between Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies scholarship and the scholarship of other disciplines. Students will develop an appreciation for the connections between Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies scholarship, activism, and social change, historically and in the present. They will develop the critical intellectual capacity and necessary communication skills to work, to value and improve the lives of everyone. In whatever public or private spheres they choose.

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The Minor in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
The minor consists of at least 18 credit hours structured in this way:

Required courses, 2 courses (6 credits)
WGS101 Introduction to Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WGS410 Feminist and Queer Theory

The remaining 12 credits can be taken from among the courses listed above, additional approved departmental electives of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality topics courses, internships, independent study courses, or courses taken at other university in the U.S. or abroad.

Electives:

• WGS 103 – Introduction to LGBT Studies Credits: 3
• WGS 201 - Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Credits: 3
• WGS 230 - Women, Health, and the Environment Credits: 3
• WGS 235 - Franco American Women's Experience Credits: 3
• WGS 250 - Women and Music Credits: 3
• WGS 270 - Native American Women Credits: 3
• WGS 301 - Intermediate Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Credits: 3
• WGS 360 - Feminism and Cinema Credits: 3
• WGS 371 - Immigration, Women and Society Credits: 3
• WGS 401 - Advanced Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Credits: 3
• WGS 510 - Advanced Studies in Feminist and Queer Theory Credits: 3
• WGS 520 - Research Methodologies in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Credits: 3
• WGS 580 - Feminist Pedagogy and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Practicum Credits: 3
• ANT 245 - Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective Credits: 3
• ANT 328 - S/He: Rituals & Folk Traditions of Gender Credits: 3
• CHF 351 - Human Sexuality Credits: 3
• CHF 451 - Family Relationships Credits: 3
• CHF 452 - Violence in the Family Credits: 3
• CLA 201 - Women in the Ancient World Credits: 3
• CLA 401 - Amazons: Myth and Reality Credits: 3
• CMJ 225 - Sex, Gender and Communication Credits: 3
• CMJ 405 - Women and Communication Credits: 3
• CMJ 410 - Social Influence of Mass Communication Credits: 3
• CMJ 475 - Sexualities in Mass Communication Credits: 3
• ENG 246 - American Women's Literature Credits: 3
• ENG 256 - British Women's Literature Credits: 3
• ENG 471 - Literature, Gender, and Gender Theory Credits: 3
• ENG 481 - Topics in Women's Literature Credits: 3
• ENG 549 - Studies in Gender and Literature Credits: 3
• HED 598 - Special Topics in Higher Education Credits: 1-3
• SWK 330 - Contemporary Issues in Diversity and Pluralism Credits: 3

Topics Courses as Electives:

If the Topic’s courses listed below contain sustained, systematic study and discussion of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality issues, they will count as electives.

• CHF 404 - Selected Topics in Child Development and Family Life Credits: 3
• EDS 500 - Directed Readings (area) Credits: Ar
• ENG 129 - Topics in English Credits: 3
• ENG 229 - Topics in Literature Credits: 3
• ENG 429 - Topics in Literature Credits: 3
• ENG 529 - Studies in Literature Credits: 3
• PHI 236 - Feminist Ethical, Social and Political Theory Credits: 3
• POS 385 - Women and Politics Credits: 3
• SOC 330 - Perspectives on Women Credits: 3
• SOC 371 - Immigration, Women and Society Credits: 3
• SWK 330 - Contemporary Issues in Diversity and Pluralism Credits: 3

Please note: This is a list of current options but it is not an exclusive list, as our course listing change per semester. Please contact the WGS program at 581-1228 with questions.