Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Requirements for the Minor
For minors declared after 9/1/2017

Overview

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGS) is an interdisciplinary program staffed by two joint appointment faculty members and other full time and part time faculty with relevant expertise. Our alumni 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. WGS is an excellent second major or minor for students in a wide variety of disciplines, such as anthropology, nursing, political science, sociology, English, social work, and history.

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies students 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 learn to appreciate the complexity of how gender interacts with race, social class, sexual orientation, and other forms of diversity. They will recognize the connection between Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and other disciplines. Students will develop an appreciation for how scholarship in our field informs activism and social change, historically and in the present. They will develop the critical intellectual capacity and communication skills to work with, to value and improve the lives of others in whatever public or private spheres they choose.

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The Minor in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (18 credits)

Required Course (3 Credits)
WGS 101 Introduction to Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies (offered every semester)

Five elective courses (15 credits)

A grade of C- or better is required for courses applied to the minor.

At least six of the eighteen credits must be in courses originating at the University of Maine.

Electives may be taken from among the courses listed below, additional approved courses, internships, independent study courses, or courses taken at other universities in the U.S. or abroad.

Electives (all are 3 credits; some have upper level prerequisites):

- WGS 103 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies
- WGS 201 Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- WGS 230 Women, Health, and the Environment
- WGS 235 Franco American Women's Experience
- WGS 250 Women and Music
● WGS 270 Native American Women
● WGS 301 Intermediate Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
● WGS 360 Feminism and Cinema
● WGS 371 Immigration, Women and Society
● WGS 401 Advanced Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
● WGS 451 Women’s Sexuality
● WGS 480 Senior Seminar
● WGS 510 Advanced Studies in Feminist and Queer Theory *
● WGS 520 Research Methodologies in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies *
● WGS 580 Feminist Pedagogy and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Practicum *
● ANT 245 Sex and Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective
● CHF 351 Human Sexuality
● CHF 451 Family Relationships
● CHF 452 Violence in the Family
● CLA 201 Women in the Ancient World
● CLA 401 Amazons: Myth and Reality
● ENG 246 American Women's Literature
● ENG 256 British Women's Literature
● ENG 471 Literature, Gender, and Gender Theory
● ENG 549 Studies in Gender and Literature *
● HTY 332 Womanhood in America
● HTY 494 Women, History and American Society: Selected Topics
● MES 350 Maine Women
● PAX 401 Women Activists: Warriors for Peace and Justice
● POS 385 Women and Politics
● PSY 465 Hormones, Brain and Behavior
● SOC 329 Sociology of Gender
● SOC 371 Immigration, Women and Society

Additional Electives:

A topics course or Directed Reading in another discipline may be approved as an elective if it contains sustained, systematic study and discussion of issues related to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Here are a few examples of departmental courses that have been approved as electives in the past:

● ARH 270 Topics in Art History: Women Artists
● CHF 404 Selected Topics in Child Development and Family Life: Conflict and Violence in Intimate Relationships
● ENG 429 Topics in Literature: Mothers and Fathers of the Novel
● SWK 330 Contemporary Issues in Diversity and Pluralism

Please note: This is a current but not exhaustive list of electives. Our course listings change every semester. Please contact the WGS program at 581-1228 with questions.

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