



Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Requirements for the Minor

The minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, approved in 1989, is an interdisciplinary program with faculty from a variety of academic units on campus. WGS minors will gain a more complete understanding of how the social construction of gender has influenced the roles, contributions, and experiences of all individuals. This understanding is coupled with a complex understanding of how gender and sexuality interact with race, social class, dis/ability, nationality, ethnicity, and other sites of social inequality. WGS students are employed in law, education, business, social services, health services, and government at all levels. WGS is also an excellent minor for students majoring in a wide variety of disciplines, such as anthropology, English, history, nursing, political science, psychology, social work, and sociology. At least six of the eighteen credits must be at the 300 level or higher.

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

- **At least two courses must be taken at the 300-level or above.**
- **A grade of C- or better is required for courses applied to the minor.**
- **At least 6 of the 18 credits must be from courses taken 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.

Required Courses (9 credits)

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

Plus two of the following three WGS courses:

WGS 103 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

WGS 340 Transnational Feminisms

WGS 410 Feminist, Gender and Queer Theory

Elective Courses (9 credits)

WGS 103 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

WGS 201 Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

WGS 203 Men and Masculinities

WGS 230 Women, Health, and the Environment

WGS 250 Women and Music

WGS 270 Gender in Native American Cultures

WGS 301 Intermediate Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

WGS 303 SL: Social Movements, Media, and Change

WGS 340 Transnational Feminisms

WGS 360	Gender and Cinema
WGS 371	American Border-crossing: Gendered Perspectives on Modern Migration
WGS 395	Internship in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1-6 cr)
WGS 401	Advanced Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WGS 410	Feminist, Gender and Queer Theory
WGS 451	Women's Sexuality
WGS 480	Senior Seminar
WGS 510	Advanced Studies in Feminist and Queer Theory
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
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
PSY 491	Prejudice and Discrimination
SOC 329	Sociology of Gender
SWK 330	Contemporary Issues in Diversity and Pluralism

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.

Please note: This is a current but not exhaustive list of electives. Our course listings change every semester. Please contact the WGS program at 207.581.3439 with questions.

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