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
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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