



Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Requirements for the Major (New)

The Bachelor of Arts in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality (WGS) Studies is an interdisciplinary program with faculty from a variety of academic units on campus. Students who major in WGS are employed in law, education, business, social services, health services, and government at all levels. WGS is also an excellent second major or minor for students majoring in a wide variety of disciplines, such as anthropology, English, history, nursing, political science, psychology, social work, and sociology. Students can also major in International Affairs with a concentration in Global Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Issues.

WGS majors 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.

The requirements listed on this page are specific to this particular major. Students are also responsible for meeting any graduation requirements set by their college. Students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) should make sure to review those requirements as stated on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences page of the catalog.

The major consists of 33 credits, with 9 credits in the lower level core curriculum, and 4-6 credits in a choice of two out of three upper-level core courses, 3 credits for WGS 480, Senior Seminar in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and 15-17 credits of electives chosen from a broad list of possible course options (of which at least 6 credits need to be at the 300- or 400- level.)

The Major in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (33 credits)

Required Courses (16-18 credits)

Lower-Level Core Courses(9 Credits)

- WGS 101 Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (offered every semester and in summer)
- WGS 103 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies (offered every semester)
- WGS 280 Intersectionality of Social Movements. (offered every semester)

*Upper Level Core Courses, Choose **Two** of the Following Three Courses (4-6 credits)*

- WGS 340 Transnational Feminisms (offered every spring semester)
- WGS 395 Internship in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1-3 credits)
- WGS 410 Feminist, Gender and Queer Theory (offered in fall) *Capstone*

Requirement (3 Credits)

- WGS 480* Senior Seminar in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Capstone; offered in spring)
*WGS majors who complete an Honors College thesis must take WGS 480 but do not have to complete the WGS capstone project.

Electives (at least 5 courses, 15 credits)

All are 3 credits; **at least 6 credits must be taken at the 300- or 400-level.**

- WGS 201 Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- WGS 203 Men and Masculinities
- WGS 205 Introduction to Feminist and Critical Data Analysis
- 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, & Change (Fall)
- WGS 340 Transnational Feminisms (offered every spring semester)
- 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 (1-3 credits)
- WGS 401 Advanced Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- WGS 410 Feminist, Gender and Queer Theory (offered in fall)
- WGS 451 Women's Sexuality
- WGS 498 Directed Studies in WGS
- WGS 510 Advanced Studies in Feminist and Queer Theory
- WGS 580 Feminist Pedagogy and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Practicum

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Additional Courses as 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 list is current but not exclusive, as course offerings change each semester. Please contact the WGS program at 581-3439 with questions.

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