



## Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Requirements for the Major (For Students Declaring before Fall 2022)

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 15 credits in the core curriculum, 1-3 credits of internship, 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)**

WGS 101	Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (offered every semester and in summer)
WGS 103	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies (offered every semester)
WGS 340	Transnational Feminisms
WGS 395	Internship in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1-3 credits)
WGS 410	Feminist, Gender and Queer Theory (offered in fall)
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 360 Gender and Cinema  
 WGS 371 American Border-crossing: Gendered Perspectives on Modern Migration  
 WGS 401 Advanced Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies  
 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  
 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 & Discrimination  
 SOC 329 Sociology of Gender  
 SWK 330 Contemporary Issues in Diversity and Pluralism

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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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