

WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES MINOR

Women's and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary field that examines feminist theoretical perspectives on the intersections of race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, nationality, religion, and other identities. This minor teaches students to think critically about the social construction of identity and the politics of knowledge production. Students will use these critical-thinking skills to understand people's lives within a global context and analyze the systems of oppression that contribute to continuing economic, political, and cultural inequalities. Women's and Gender Studies minors will be encouraged to promote social justice throughout their course work.

Code	Title	Credits	Completed
Minor Requirements (20 credits)			
IIWGS-101	Intro Womens & Gender Studies	4	_____
WGS-495	Capstone Womens & Gender Stud	4	_____
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		4	_____
WGS-301	Transntnl Feminist Theories		_____
WGS-302	Queer Theories		_____
WGS-303	Latina Fem Theory		_____
Select one additional Women's and Gender Studies course above the 200-level		4	_____
<i>Women's and Gender Studies Elective</i>		4	_____
Select one course from Arts, Education, and Humanities OR Sciences, Sustainability, and Health lists below. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor for additional information, specific prerequisites or changes on this list			
<i>Arts, Education, and Humanities</i>			
FILM-352	Topics in Film Studies (Contemporary Women Directors specified in section title)		_____
IHHIST-222	Marriage & Family in W Civ		_____
IHHIST-338	A History of Sexuality		_____
IHGS-254	Women in the Holocaust		_____
<i>Sciences, Sustainability, and Health</i>			
IIEDUC-306	Women & Education		_____

IIHLSC-350	Women and Health	_____
PSYC-425	Psychology of Women	_____
SOC-345	Sociology of Families	_____

Total Credits **20**

Upon completion of the Women and Gender Studies Minor, students will gain:

- Knowledge of women's contributions to history, culture, politics, and economics.
- An understanding of interdisciplinary concepts such as feminism, patriarchy, heterosexism, oppression, privilege, and difference.
- An understanding of the social construction and intersection of gender, race, class, and sexuality.
- An ability to think critically and write and speak effectively about feminist and queer issues from a global perspective.
- An ability to create and participate in collaborative activist projects that connect theory and practice.
- An ability to effectively engage in and value experiential learning.