

# WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES MINOR

The undergraduate minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies brings together courses that provide a critical analysis of gender, sexuality, and the related categories of class, race, and other dimensions of social power. Gaining knowledge about women, men, and people of all genders helps students to move through a complex contemporary world.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Requirements for a Minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: 18 credits</b>		<b>(3 credits)</b>
WO-100	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
A minimum of 15 additional credits.		
At least one elective course must be at the 300 level or higher.		
A maximum of two elective courses can come from the student's major (if the WGSS minor is part of a Liberal Studies major, the maximum does not apply).		
A maximum of three elective courses can come from any single discipline.		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

The WGSS Minor provides recursive opportunities for students to encounter, develop, and master (a) the core knowledge of these interdisciplinary fields, (b) the practices needed to comprehend and communicate this knowledge to diverse audiences, and (c) the dispositions, habits of mind, and practices essential to advancing WGSS's liberatory values and aspirations. Students who minor in WGSS will

1. Compare, critique and challenge the formation of categories of gender, gender identity, and sexuality as they function in social, economic, cultural, and/or political contexts; and as they intersect with other categories of difference such as race, ethnicity, class, nationality, and ability.

2. Research, explain, and evaluate the historical development of feminist and queer theories, scholarship, and creative expression; engage in critical debates about those theories, scholarship, and creative expression; and apply feminist and queer critical perspectives to analyze meaningful questions across disciplines.

3. Learn and practice how to use intersectional gender- and sexuality-based frames of analysis as tools for academic research, creative production, collaborative work, and social change. WGSS courses substantively address at least one of the program goals

## Courses

### AR-225 Art Since Mid-20th Century

**LASC Categories:** CA, GP, WAC, DAC

Explores how artists have challenged the traditional definitions of the art object and the expanded materials, media and concepts employed by artists since 1950 to the present era.

Fall only and every year. 3 Credits

### CM-213 Gender and the Media

**LASC Categories:** HBS, TLC, DAC, WAC

**Prerequisites:** CM-100 and EN-102

This course will explore how difference is socially constructed along gender lines and will explore the intersections of gender, identity, power and media representation.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

### CM-350 Intercultural Communication

**Prerequisites:** CM-100

Introductory communication theory and practice across cultural groups defined by race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, nationality, politics and economics.

3 Credits

### ED-330 Elementary Social Studies and Multiculturalism

Goals, curriculum, skills, issues, teaching strategies in educating diverse populations in a global context. 10 hours of fieldwork. Prerequisite: Admitted into Stage 2

Fall and Spring and every year. 3 Credits

### EN-132 World Literature

**LASC Categories:** GP, DAC, TLC

Representative poems, stories, plays, both ancient and modern, from Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Fall and Spring and other or on demand. 3 Credits

### EN-167 Literature and Human Rights

**LASC Categories:** GP, DAC

An analysis of international creative writing dealing with the subject of human rights. Resource persons from different fields will be utilized.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

### EN-172 Women and Literature

**LASC Categories:** WAC, TLC, GP

Explores basic issues and problems in literature by and about women.

Every year. 3 Credits

### EN-174 Women Poets

**LASC Categories:** TLC, WAC, GP

**Prerequisites:** Fulfillment of Writing II

A close reading and analysis of poetry written by women from a historical as well as a contemporary feminist perspective.

Other or on demand. 3 Credits

### EN-348 Postcolonial Women's Writing

**LASC Categories:** GP

**Prerequisites:** EN-102

Writing by women from colonized and formerly colonized countries on local and global issues shaping women's lives and creative expression.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

### HC-234 Multiculturalism and Health

Examination of diverse ethnic/racial and cultural beliefs and practices affecting health and illness

Spring only and every year. 3 Credits

### HE-210 Women's Health Issues

Overview of women's health issues: women in the health marketplace, a woman's right to control her body, media images and illness, eating disorders, therapy, alcohol, aging and the women's health movement.

Fall and Spring and every year. 3 Credits

**HE-230 Human Sexuality and Sex Education****Prerequisites:** HE-100

Focus on the need for and understanding of sex education, along with the process of implementing sexuality education, with emphasis upon teacher preparation.

Every year. 3 Credits

**HI-216 Economic History of the US**

An introduction to United States economic development; particular attention will be paid to industrialization and the labor force. [Applicable to the Global Studies and Womens Studies Concentrations.]

Every year. 3 Credits

**HI-217 US Social History****LASC Categories:** TLC, USW, DAC, WAC**Prerequisites:** EN-102 or EN-202

Survey of social and cultural history. Topics such as family, religion, education, popular literature, architecture, transportation, and reform. [Applicable to the Womens Studies Concentration.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-232 European Intellectual Hist II****Prerequisites:** HI-103 or HI-104

The main theoretical works, philosophic, psychological and scientific, of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. [Applicable to the Womens Studies Concentration.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-249 US Labor History I**

The relationship between workers, their employers and the surrounding community between 1815 and World War II. [Applicable to the Global and Womens Studies Concentrations.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-274 The History of Gender and Sexuality in America****LASC Categories:** TLC, DAC, USW

The history of sexuality and gender in America. Includes investigations of lesbian and gay histories; transgender histories; attempts to regulate and define sexuality; practices of birth control; the intersections of race, class, and gender; the social construction of gender; and the challenges of doing hidden histories. [Applicable to the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Concentration.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-333 Women in Latin America****Prerequisites:** HI-213 HI-214 HI-226 or HI-247

Examines the roles of women in diverse societies including Mexico, Brazil and Caribbean nations. Emphasis on the modern period. [Applicable to the Global and Womens Studies Concentrations.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-350 Native American Women****Prerequisites:** HI-205 or equivalent.

Examines Indian women from the time of European contact to the modern era. Emphasizes culture, community and arenas of power. [Applicable to the Womens Studies Concentration.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-353 The Age of Reform: 1877-1920****Prerequisites:** HI-111 and HI-112

An analysis of the transformation of America, including reform response to the Gilded Age's industrialization, urbanization and immigration patterns. [Applicable to the Womens Studies Concentration.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**MU-231 Women in Music****LASC Categories:** CA, TLC

A survey of the role of women in music, particularly the great composers from Medieval to Contemporary times.

3 Credits

**NU-340 Nursing Science Ii: Pediatrics (track I)****LASC Categories:** DAC, NLL**Prerequisites:** NU-210 NU-216 NU-309 NU-310 NU-430 Take EN-250 EN-202 or EN-102;**Prerequisites or Corequisite:** NU-315

Concepts of wellness, disease, and health behavior are examined as the nursing process is operationalized in the care of acutely ill pediatric patients. Lecture and an off-site clinical experience are included in this course.

Spring only and every year. 4.5 Credits

**PH-150 Women in Western Ideas****LASC Categories:** HBS, TLC, DAC

Investigates the concept of "woman" from ancient Greece to the present.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-152 Philosophy of Love and Sex****LASC Categories:** HBS, ICW, DAC

Investigates the concepts of love and sex and structural and discursive factors contributing to our daily experiences of these phenomena.

Every year. 3 Credits

**PH-178 Africana Philosophy****LASC Categories:** TLC, USW, DAC

Explores the philosophy of the African diaspora in African, African American and Caribbean writings. The course addresses both historical and contemporary material across intersections of race, gender, and class using philosophy, history, and literature.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-240 Political Theory****LASC Categories:** USW, TLC

Investigates concepts including political power, equality, revolution, liberties, slavery, socialism and patriarchal power, race and gender.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-241 Genocide and Human Rights****LASC Categories:** USW, GP

This course treats the ethical, political, and other dimensions of systematic mass violence through case studies and general theoretical analyses.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-250 Global Feminisms****LASC Categories:** TLC, GP

Investigates the theoretical underpinnings of women's movements for equal rights around the globe.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-254 Feminist Theory****LASC Categories:** HBS, USW, DAC

Feminist Theory: Examines the development of feminist ideas and movements from the 18th century to the present, in the US and, particularly in recent decades, globally. A close analysis of Second Wave, Postmodern, and Black Feminist ideas are studied as a basis for writings and social action that attends to issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality, using intersectional methodologies and critiques to address issues of reproduction and health, labor and economic power, violence, and state power.

Other or on demand and every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PS-255 Psychological Foundations of Diversity**

**Prerequisites:** PS-101 with a C- or above.

Explores the gender, racial/ethnic, multiple-group membership, cultural, social class, religious, disability and sexual orientation facets of diversity. Other or on demand and every year. 3 Credits

**PS-260 Psychology of Human Sexuality**

**Prerequisites:** PS-101 with a C- or above.

Sexuality as a foundation of personality. The wide range of human sexuality is explored; sexual development, roles, attitudes and behaviors. Other or on demand and every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PS-263 Psychology of Women**

**Prerequisites:** PS-101 with a C- or above.

Women's psychological development throughout the lifespan will be examined, including female development, achievement, stereotyping, stress, violence and psychological disorders.

Other or on demand and every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**SO-285 Race, Class and Gender**

**LASC Categories:** HBS, DAC

An introduction to dominant-minority group relations through the investigation of the patterns and dynamics of differentiation, inequality and discrimination.

Fall and Spring. 3 Credits

**SO-355 Gender and Sexuality**

**LASC Categories:** HBS, ICW, DAC

This course introduces the sociologist study of gender and sexuality. This course examines how social institutions and cultural norms construct particular gender roles and sexual identities within society.

Fall and Spring and every year. 3 Credits

**SP-292 Spanish for Women's Health**

**LASC Categories:** GP, ICW, DAC

**Prerequisites:** SP-211 or above, or 3 years of language instruction.

In this course, students will develop communication skills in Spanish using information and vocabulary related to women's health. The content of this course focuses on language used in health professions as well as cultural situations. By familiarizing students with conversational Spanish and medical Spanish, this course will enable students to apply their learning to real-world situations, to assist in communications, and ultimately to break down the barrier between professionals and Spanish-speakers. Finally, the course's focus on cultural competency interrogates intersections between women's health and topics including but not limited to politics, economics, gender, sexuality, race and age.

Spring only and every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**SP-349 Spanish-American Literature**

**Prerequisites:** SP-321

Representative works from South and Central American authors from the colonial period to the present.

Fall only and every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**UR-103 Introduction to Women's Studies**

**LASC Categories:** DAC, ICW, HBS

This course uses a variety of academic disciplines to study the situation of women around the world.

Every year. 3 Credits

**UR-216 Woman and Aging in the Urban Environment**

**LASC Categories:** HBS, WAC

**Prerequisites:** EN-102

Investigation of the Aging process for women in urban society, focusing on their great longevity, lower income status, and major care giving role.

Fall and Spring and every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**UR-290 Gender and the City**

**LASC Categories:** WAC, GP, HBS

**Prerequisites:** EN-102

Exploration of the ways in which gender, both male and female, structures responses of individuals to urban life and spaces.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**WO-100 Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

**LASC Categories:** ICW, DAC

How do the experiences of women reflect broader structures of power? What is gender? How does sexuality inform the construction of identity and relationships of power? How do gender, gender identity, and sexuality function in intersection with other categories of difference such as race, ethnicity, class, nationality, and ability? How have scholars, authors, and artists made sense of these questions in their own work? In answering these questions, this course will introduce students to the interdisciplinary academic field of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Fall and Spring and every year. 3 Credits