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.

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Requirements for a Minor in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: 18 credits

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.

Total Credits 18

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.