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 | Requirements for a Minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: 18 credits
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WO-100 | Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | 3 | A minimum of 15 additional credits.
A maximum 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

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**
*Prerequisites: EN-102 or EN-202*
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: HI-103 or HI-104*
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*
Prerequisites: HI-205 or equivalent.  
*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*
Prerequisites: HI-205 or equivalent.  
*Investigates the concepts of love and sex and structural and discursive factors contributing to our daily experiences of these phenomena. Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits*

**PH-178 Africana Philosophy**
*LASC Categories: TLC, USW, DAC*
Prerequisites: HI-205 or equivalent.  
*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*
Prerequisites: HI-205 or equivalent.  
*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*
Prerequisites: HI-205 or equivalent.  
*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*
Prerequisites: HI-205 or equivalent.  
*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*
Prerequisites: HI-205 or equivalent.  
*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