

# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

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## Programs Offered

Major in Women's and Gender Studies  
Minor in Women's and Gender Studies  
Minor in Queer Studies

### Major in Women's and Gender Studies

A major in Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) enables students to explore the social, political, and cultural dimensions of gender and inequity. WGS is the study of how gender structures everything from our innermost sense of self to transnational circuits of society and economy. WGS uses an intersectional perspective, which means that we understand gender to be co-constituted with race, ethnicity, sexuality, nation, ability, and other forms of social power. We use an interdisciplinary approach that examines social structures, institutions, and ideologies of gender through social, historical, political, legal, and cultural lenses.

Emphasizing the connections between theory and practice, Women's and Gender Studies encourages applied learning through internships, service learning, cultural production, and research. The WGS Department's general education courses and lecture series produce campus-wide transformative consciousness, while our major courses further depth and engagement. WGS classes are places where students can strengthen critical awareness and build community.

A major in WGS empowers students to understand and engage in building a more equitable world. An intersectional feminist analysis facilitates critical exploration of power, difference, and the production of knowledge. It also compels us to envision more just alternatives and commit to transformative action.

### Careers in Women's and Gender Studies

Women's and Gender Studies graduates hold tools – knowledge of gender issues, critical thinking skills, and breadth of perspective

that public service organizations, private industry, government, and graduate schools want and need. The Women's and Gender Studies major or minor provides excellent preparation for students going into social work, counseling, teaching, public relations, public policy and management, advocacy work, human resources, and other fields. WGS graduates also pursue advanced degrees in social work, counseling, law, public policy, psychology, public health, education, history, sociology, and other areas.

## Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies

(See pages 263 for sample four-year programs.)

Degree Requirements	Units
General education (50, 7-10 units in major)	40-43
Major core requirements	27
Major Pathway	12
Major Electives	4
Electives	27
<b>Total units needed for graduation</b>	<b>120</b>

### I. Core Requirements

WGS 200 Intro to WGS (E)	3
WGS 301 Feminist Lecture Series or WGS 302 Queer Studies Lecture Series (C2)	1
WGS 375 Gender, Race & Class (D1, Eth.)	3
WGS 385 Transnational Feminisms	4
WGS 425 Feminist Research Methods	4
WGS 474 Foundations of Feminist Thought or WGS 475 Contemporary Feminist Theory	4
WGS 485 Senior Seminar	4
WGS 498 Careers in WGS	1
WGS 499 Internship	3
<b>Total Core Units</b>	<b>27</b>

### II. Pathways

WGS students will choose to specialize in one of the following two pathways: 1) Community/ Clinical or, 2) Cultural/ Critical

1) **Community/Clinical:** Students interested in community organizing, social work, health care, education, and/or counseling will consider this pathway. Courses emphasize community and identity development, social transformation and justice movements, institutions and organizations, bodies and health, and service learning.

or

2) **Cultural/Critical:** Students interested in the arts and art activism, cultural work and activism, education, and/or advanced degrees in humanities, critical social sciences, or law will consider this pathway. Courses emphasize critical theories, pedagogies, ideologies and structures, and cultural production, representation, and activism.

The listed courses are eligible toward each pathway. Students are encouraged to consult with their faculty advisor and the department chair to request approval for unlisted courses to count towards their pathway. Many courses without WGS course designation have home department prerequisites and restrictions. WGS majors seeking to register in such courses must meet these requirements. If WGS majors wish to fulfill their pathway largely with another department's courses, they are encouraged to double major or minor.

### Community/ Clinical Pathway

WGS 285 Men and Masculinity (E)	4
WGS 300 Gender, Race and Representation (C1, Eth)	3
WGS 301 Feminist Lecture Series	1
WGS 302 Queer Studies Lecture Series (C2) (additional to core lecture series course)	1
WGS 305 LGBTQ U.S. History (D3)	3
WGS 311 Special Topics in WGS	3-4
WGS 325 Youth: Gender Perspectives	4
WGS 335 Reproductive Justice	4
WGS 370 Gender in Asian America	4
WGS 390 Gender and Work	4
WGS 420/AMCS 420 Ethnicity and Gender	4
WGS 405/PSY 405 Psychology of Gender	4
WGS 430/CCJS 430 Women and Crime	4
WGS 440/SOCI 440 Sociology of Reproduction	4
ANTH 302 Biological Basis of Sex Differences	4
ANTH 318HD: Sex & Life Cycle (E)	3
BIOL 220 Human Anatomy (B3/Lab)	4
BIOL 224 Human Physiology (B3/Lab)	4
BIOL 311 Sexually Transmitted Diseases (B3)	3
CALS 405 The Chicano/Latino Family	3-4
EDEC 420 Child Development in Family, School, & Community (E)	3
EDSS 418 Development in Adolescence & Emerging Adulthood (E)	3
GERN 319/SOCI 319 Aging and Society	4
KIN 316 Women in Sport: Issues, Images, & Identities**	3
NURS 480 Health, Sexuality, and Society (E)	3
SOCI 312 Sociology of Gender	4
SOCI 360 Sociology of Sexualities	4

Other courses with advisor permission

### Require Double Majoring/Minorng or with Many Prerequisites and/or Restrictions:

EDEC 270 Families & Children in Diverse Societies***	4
EDMS 419 Identity & Agency for Socially Just Classrooms & Communities***	3
NURS 303 Maternity & Women's Health Care***	6
PSY 328 Multicultural Psychology***	4
PSY 362 Human Sexuality***	4
PSY 418 The Psychology of Family***	3-4
SOCI 345 Sociology of Families***	4
SOCI 461 Social Welfare and Social Work***	4

### Cultural/Critical Pathway

WGS 255 Intro to Queer Studies (D1)	4
WGS 285 Men and Masculinity (E)	4
WGS 300 Gender, Race and Representation (C1, Eth.)	3
WGS 301 Feminist Lecture Series	1
WGS 302: Queer Studies Lecture Series (C2) (additional to core lecture series course)	1
WGS 305 LGBTQ U.S. History (D3)	3
WGS 311 Special Topics in WGS	3-4
WGS 335 Reproductive Justice	4
WGS 360/THAR 375 Race, Gender, and Performance 3	
WGS 370 Gender in Asian America	4
WGS 420/AMCS 420 Ethnicity and Gender	4
WGS 449/HIST 449 Gender & Sexuality in Latin America	4
WGS 451/ENG 451 Feminist Perspectives in Lit	4
WGS 455 Queer Theory, Queer Lives	4
WGS 474 Foundations of Feminist Thought	4
OR WGS 475: Contemporary Feminist Theory (additional to core theory course)	4
WGS 492 Syllabus Design	1
WGS 493 Teaching Supervision	1
CALS 442 Race, Class, & Gender Among Latinos	4
ENGL 345 Women Writers (C2)**	4
HIST 414 Gender & Society in Early Modern Europe	4
HIST 445 Topics in American Women's History	4
HIST 446 Women in American History	4
POLS 313 Critical Theory: Race and Gender	4
POLS 391 Gender and Politics	4
SSCI 299 How to Think Like a Social Scientist (E)	3
SOCI 312 Sociology of Gender	4
SOCI 360 Sociology of Sexualities	4
SOCI 370 Sociology of Transgender Studies	4
AMCS 480 Research Methodology	4
Other courses with advisor permission	
<b>Require Double Majoring/Minorng or with Many Prerequisites and/or Restrictions:</b>	
NURS 490 Sexual Imperative: History, Media, Culture, & Imagination (C2)***	4
SOCI 345 Sociology of Families***	4

\*\*Offered infrequently

\*\*\*Many prerequisites and/or restrictions; May be difficult or impossible to get into without double majoring/minoring in that department. Discuss with WGS advisor.

**Total pathway units 12**

### III. Elective(s)

Additional WGS courses or recognized courses in other departments.

**Total Elective(s) Units 4**

**Total units necessary for major 43**

## Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

Students will complete 16 units to fulfill the requirements for a minor in Women's and Gender Studies.

### Minor Core Requirements (10-11 units)

WGS 200 Intro to WGS (E)	3
WGS 375 Gender, Race & Class (D1, Eth.)	3
WGS 474 Foundations of Feminist Thought or WGS 475 Contemporary Feminist Theory	4
<b>Total Core Requirements</b>	<b>10</b>

### Minor Supporting Courses

At least two courses from at least two of the following categories for a total of 6 or more units. Many courses without WGS course designation will have prerequisites and restrictions from their home departments. Minors must meet these requirements.

#### I. Women & Gender in US Society

WGS 285 Men and Masculinity (E)	4
WGS 305 LGBTQ U.S. History (D3)	3
WGS 325 Youth: Gender Perspectives	4
WGS 370 Gender in Asian America	4
WGS 390 Gender and Work	4
WGS 420/AMCS 420 Ethnicity and Gender	4
WGS 430/CCJS 430 Women and Crime	4
WGS 440/SOCI 440 Sociology of Reproduction	4
WGS 498 Careers in WGS	1
ANTH 302 Biological Basis of Sex Differences	4
CALS 442 Race, Class, & Gender Among Latinos	4
CALS 405 The Chicano/Latino Family	3-4
EDEC 270 Families & Children in Diverse Societies***	4
GERN 319/SOCI 319 Aging and Society***	4
HIST 445 Topics in American Women's History	4
HIST 446 Women in American History	4
SOCI 312 Sociology of Gender	4
SOCI 345 Sociology of Families***	4
SOCI 360 Sociology of Sexualities	4
SOCI 370 Sociology of Transgender Studies	4

#### II. Women & Gender in the Humanities

WGS 255 Intro to Queer Studies (D1)	4
WGS 300 Gender, Race and Representation (C1, Eth.)	3
WGS 360/THAR 375 Race, Gender, and Performance	3
WGS 451/ENGL 451 Feminist Perspectives in Lit	4
WGS 455 Queer Theory, Queer Lives	4
WGS 474 Foundations of Feminist Thought or WGS 475 Contemporary Feminist Theory (additional to core theory course)	4
ENGL 345 Women Writers (C2)**	4

#### III. Biological/Psychological Perspectives

WGS 405/PSY 405 Psychology of Gender	4
ANTH 318 Human Development: Sex & Life Cycle (E)	3
BIOL 220 Human Anatomy (B3/Lab) ***	4
BIOL 224 Human Physiology (B3/Lab)***	4
BIOL 311 Sexually Transmitted Diseases (B3)**	3

NURS 490 Sexual Imperative (C2)***	4
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#### IV. Transnational Perspectives on Gender

WGS 335 Reproductive Justice	4
WGS 385 Transnational Feminism	4
WGS 449/HIST 449 Gender & Sexuality in Latin Am	4
HIST 414 Gender & Society in Early Modern Europe	4

#### V. Special Topics in Women & Gender

WGS 301 Feminist Lecture Series	1
WGS 302 Queer Studies Lecture Series (C2)	1
WGS 311 Special Topics in WGS	3-4
WGS 499 Internship	1-4
HD 365 Topics in HD: Gender and Sexuality***	3-4
KIN 316 Women in Sport: Issues, Images, & Identities**	3
NURS 303 Maternity & Women's Health Care***	6
NURS 480 Health, Sexuality, and Society (E)	3
POLS 313 Critical Theory: Race and Gender	4
POLS 391 Gender and Politics	4
PSY 328 Multicultural Psychology***	4
PSY 362 Human Sexuality***	4
PSY 418 The Psychology of Family***	3-4

#### Other courses with advisor permission

\*\*Offered infrequently

\*\*\*Many prerequisites and/or restrictions; may be impossible to get into without double majoring/minoring in that department.

Discuss with WGS advisor.

<b>Total supporting units</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total units in the WGS minor</b>	<b>16</b>

## Minor in Queer Studies

Students will complete 18 units to fulfill the requirements for the Queer Studies Minor.

### Minor Core Requirements (11-12 units)

WGS 255 Intro to Queer Studies (D1)	4
WGS 302 Queer Studies Lecture Series (C2)	1
WGS 305 LGBTQ US History (D3)	3
WGS 455 Queer Theory/Queer Lives	4
<b>Total core units</b>	<b>12</b>

### Minor Electives

Two (or more) course related to LGBTQ and/or sexuality studies, in consultation with Queer Studies minor advisor. Below is a list of all SSU courses that students can consider for their 6-unit Queer Studies minor electives. Many of the courses without WGS course designation will have prerequisites and restrictions (such as "Psychology majors only" or "junior/senior standing") from home departments. Minors seeking such courses must meet these requirements unless

otherwise noted.

WGS 285 Men and Masculinity (E)	4
WGS 300 Gender, Race and Representation (C1, Eth.)	3
WGS 302 Queer Studies Lecture Series (C2) (after satisfying initial 1-unit core requirement)	1
WGS 325 Youth: Gender Perspectives	4
WGS 335 Reproductive Justice	4
WGS 370 Gender in Asian America	4
WGS 405 Psychology of Gender (x-list PSY 405)	4
WGS 449/HIST 449 Gender & Sexuality in Latin Am 4	4
WGS 474 Foundations of Feminist Thought	4
WGS 475 Contemporary Feminist Theory	4
WGS 499 Internship (in LGBTQ-specific context)	1-4
ANTH 302 Biological Basis of Sex Differences	4
ANTH 318 Human Development: Sex & Life Cycle (E)	3
BIOL 311 Sexually Transmitted Diseases (B3)**	3
HD 365 Topics in HD: Gender and Sexuality***	3-4
KIN 316 Women in Sport: Issues, Images, & Identities**	3
NURS 480 Health, Sexuality, and Society (E)	3
NURS 490 Sexual Imperative (C2)***	4
PSY 362 Human Sexuality***	4
SOCI 360 Sociology of Sexualities****	4
SOCI 370 Sociology of Transgender Studies****	4

***Other courses with advisor permission***

\*\*Offered infrequently

\*\*\*Many prerequisites and/or restrictions

\*\*\*\*Queer studies minors allowed w/ SOCI restrictions.

<b>Total supporting units</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total units required in queer studies minor</b>	<b>18</b>

## Sample Four-Year Plan for Women's and Gender Studies Major Community/Clinical Pathway

Plan to complete the major (43 units) and graduate (120 units) in eight semesters starting in the first year. This major is organized to facilitate a double major or minor in some other disciplines. Hence up to 16 units of the major can potentially be counted toward the double major (e.g., all the career/affinity pathway and possibly the elective requirement can be counted for both majors).

### FRESHMAN YEAR: 30-32 Units

<i>Fall Semester (15-16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (15-16 Units)</i>
WGS 200 (E) (3)	GE (3)
GE (3)	GE (3)
GE (3)	GE (3)
GE (3)	GE (3)
GE (3-4)	GE (3-4)

### SOPHOMORE YEAR: 31-32 Units

<i>Fall Semester (16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (15-16 Units)</i>
WGS Elective (4)	GE (3)
WGS Pathway (4)	GE (3-4)
GE (3)	Electives (6)
GE (3)	WGS 498 (1)
WGS 301 (1)	WGS 499 (1)

### JUNIOR YEAR: 31 Units

<i>Fall Semester (15 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (16 Units)</i>
WGS 375 (D1) (UD) (Eth) (3)	WGS 474 (4)
WGS 385 (4)	WGS 499 (2)
Upper-Division Pathway Course (4)	WGS 300 (C1) (UD) (Eth) (3)
Upper Division Pathway Course (4)	Upper-Division GE (3)
	Elective (3)

### SENIOR YEAR: 26-28 Units

<i>Fall Semester (13-14 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (13 -14Units)</i>
WGS 425 (4)	WGS 485 (4)
Electives (9-10)	Any SSU Electives (9-10)

**TOTAL UNITS: 120**

## Sample Four-Semester Plan for Women's and Gender Studies Major (Transfer Students and Upperclassman Entry to Program)

Plan for transfer students and those who declare a major in women's and gender studies at the start of their junior year. (This plan assumes the student has completed 62 units toward graduation and all lower-division GE.) This plan is organized to facilitate a minor in another discipline.

### JUNIOR YEAR: 30 Units

<i>Fall Semester (14 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (16 Units)</i>
WGS 350 (3)	WGS 375 (3-4)
WGS Elective (3)	WGS 390 (4)
Gender Course in Concentration (4)	WGS 499 (2)
Course in Concentration (4)	Disciplinary Course (4)
	Upper-Division GE (3)

### SENIOR YEAR: 30-32 Units

<i>Fall Semester (16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (15 Units)</i>
WGS 425 (3-4)	WGS 485 (4)
WGS 475 (4)	WGS 499 (2)
Disciplinary Course (4)	WGS Elective (3)
Course to Complete Minor (4)	Upper-Division GE (3)
	Elective (3)

**TOTAL UNITS: 120**