

Women's Studies, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

Women's Studies Program

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MN in Women's Studies, Minor
BA in Women's Studies, B.A.
Courses Offered

Women's Studies is an approach that places women in the center of inquiry. The primary mission of Women's Studies is to analyze gender. Students acquire both a local and global perspective on gender. Attentiveness to diversity, privilege and power, and women's unique creative contributions to human experience are central aspects of this training. More than simply a body of knowledge, Women's Studies encourages students to apply their learning to transform their lives and their communities. Women's Studies offers a vital perspective everywhere gender impacts our world.

REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Women's Studies Major

1. Major requirements (36 units)

Core: WS 103, 143, 153, 175S (12 units)

Approved electives (24 units)

- **Cluster 1, Gender and Diversity** - WS 120/120S, 125, 136T (with advisor approval), 150T (with advisor approval), 151T (with advisor approval); ASAM 138; CLAS 162; WS/AFRS 137.
- **Cluster 2, Women and the Arts and Humanities** - WS 110, 136T (with advisor approval), 148, 150T (with advisor approval), 151T (with advisor approval); WS/ENGL 168T; WS/ENGL 194T; WS/HIST 102T (with advisor approval); LING 130; PHIL 110.
- **Cluster 3, Women and the Social, Natural, and Applied Sciences** - WS/PLSI 107; WS 114, 135, 136T (with advisor approval), 150T (with advisor approval), 151T (with advisor approval), 160; WS/CRIM 126; WS 127/PH 127; WS/PH 130; WS/SOC 132; WS 140; WS 149; SWRK 271T (with advisor approval) .

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)

Upper-division writing and Multicultural and International (MI)

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)

5. Total units (120)*

*G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam.

Advising Notes

1. The 24 units of electives must be selected from a list of approved courses available in the Women's Studies Program.
2. No more than 3 units may be selected from the 1-unit Saturday courses: WS 108, 109, 112, 116.
3. CR/NC grading is not permitted in the Women's Studies major, except for courses offered only under CR/NC grading.
4. Students whose primary major is Women's Studies should be aware that any WS courses that are General Education courses may fulfill major and minor elective and/or cluster requirements where appropriate.

5. Majors are urged to fulfill the upper-division writing skills requirement during the first semester of their junior year. See Degree Requirements.

Double Major in Women's Studies

Many students choose Women's Studies as a second major to complement their first, or primary, major. Double majors say their first major defines the field in which they work. Women's Studies gives them a special focus within that field. Women's Studies requirements are designed to make a dual major possible. All majors take the four core courses. Since in a dual major some courses may double count toward their degree, students pursuing Women's Studies as a double major should speak to an advisor in the Women's Studies program as soon as possible.

FACULTY

Women's Studies Program faculty come from a variety of disciplines: American Indian Studies, anthropology, English, ethnic studies, history, philosophy, and, political science. Cooperating faculty teach Women's Studies courses in their home departments: Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies Anthropology, Art, Chicano and Latin American Studies, Criminology, Theater Arts, English, Public Health, History, Philosophy, Psychology, and Sociology. Faculty who teach Saturday classes are community practitioners and activists who work in social service organizations that aim to empower women and girls.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.