Women's Studies, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

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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)

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. Consult the program coordinator or faculty advisor for additional details.

Advising Notes

1. The 24 units of electives must be selected from a list of approved courses available in the Women's Studies Program office. At least one course must be selected from each of the following three clusters:
   • 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; LING 130; PHIL 110.
   • Cluster 3, Women and the Social, Natural, and Applied Sciences - 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; MGT 189T; SWRK 271T.

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. Some General Education units may dual count toward the major, double major, or minor as appropriate. Some electives may also dual count for their primary and double major as appropriate. Students should consult a program faculty advisor to find out how many units and which courses in their plan of study this may apply to.
5. Students whose primary major is women's studies should be aware that while any WS courses also offered by the program as General Education courses can count toward their major as appropriate. (This particular restriction does not apply to double majors for whom women's studies is declared as their second major or for women's studies minors.)

6. 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
The Women's Studies Program has its own full-time and part-time faculty who come from a variety of disciplines: anthropology, history, sociology, political science, English, and philosophy. In addition to this core faculty, cooperating faculty members teach women's studies courses in their home departments: American studies, anthropology education, art, Chicano and Latin American studies, criminology, drama, education, English, ethnic studies, health sciences, history, philosophy, psychology, recreation, and sociology. Saturday School faculty are most often chosen from the community-at-large on the basis of their particular area of expertise.

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

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
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