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Women's studies is an approach that places women in the center of inquiry. The primary mission of women's studies is to analyze how gender is constructed through a variety of social institutions and cultural processes so that gender inequality can be dismantled.

Students acquire both a local and global perspective on gender. The program is interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary in its approach and thereby draws on a range of feminist theories, methodologies, and practices. 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.

The Women's Studies Program

Our program offers a B.A. and a minor in Women's Studies, both of which give students a grounding in the history, methods, theories, and applications of research on women and gender, as well as fostering sensitivity and commitment to feminist agendas for women's equal rights. We also encourage students of any major to take courses leading to a double ma-

ior with women's studies, since expertise in women's issues and gender perspectives strengthens the effectiveness of applications of many fields, especially the social sciences, professional fields, the humanities, and the arts. In collaboration with other programs, we also offer a certificate in Victim Services.

Certificate in

Alcohol/Drug Studies

The Women's Studies Program participates in a certificate of special study awarded to those students who successfully complete a minimum of 12 units of interdisciplinary academic coursework in the area of alcohol and drug abuse.

Victim Services Certificate

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Career Opportunities

Graduates of our program have pursued careers that benefit from their special knowledge of women's issues. Some pursue employment in social services; policy-oriented non-profit organizations; victim services; or educational arts, health, law, and business.

Future Education

Undergraduate education in women's studies is excellent preparation for postgraduate studies in several professional fields, including teaching, public administration, social work, law, and many fields of doctoral studies. There are a growing number of master's and Ph.D. programs in women's studies nationally.

General Preparation for Women's Studies

Students should meet California State University's admission requirements in terms of college preparatory course requirements, grade point average, and test scores. Students are encouraged to complete General Education requirements during the first and sophomore years, whether at community college or at Fresno State. It is valuable to take an introductory women's studies course at the lower division if possible.

Advising

Our faculty members are happy to talk to you about your interest in the major, double major, or minor in women's studies; they can help you plan your courses. Call the program office for a referral.

California State University, Fresno Women's Studies Program

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Course Requirements

Since program changes may occur, students should consult the *General Catalog*, which is available via the university's Web site at www.csufresno.edu, and speak with a university adviser prior to registering for courses.

Core courses for majors and minors:

WS 103 - History of Feminism

WS 143 - Feminist Theory

WS 153 - Feminist Research Methods

WS 175 - Seminar in Women's Studies

In addition to general university graduation requirements, a B.A. in Women's Studies requires 36 units to complete. Twelve units are in four core classes. Twenty-four units are filled through completing a variety of electives. At least one elective course for majors must be taken in each of three clusters: (1) Gender and Diversity; (2) Women and the Arts and Humanities, and (3) Women and the Social, Natural, and Applied Sciences. With the help of their Women's Studies Program adviser, students choose electives from the approved list available in women's studies.

The Minor in Women's Studies requires a minimum of 20 units, including the four core courses. The other 8 units will be selected by students, with the help of their Women's Studies Program adviser, from the list of approved electives available in the Women's Studies office.

Students interested in pursuing a course of study offered by the Women's Studies Program are encouraged to speak to a Women's Studies Program adviser as soon as possible.

For additional information, write

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