

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers the following under the supervision and jurisdiction of the college.

Minors

- Studies in Sexuality, Women and Gender (p. 1) (also listed in interdisciplinary section)

Graduate Major (M.A.)

- Women's and Gender Studies (p. 2) (also listed in interdisciplinary section)

Program Certificate

- Women's and Gender Studies (p. 3) (graduate certificate) (also listed in interdisciplinary section)

Minors

Studies in Sexuality, Women and Gender Minor

Studies in Sexuality, Women and Gender Minor is an interdisciplinary and multicultural program that engages in research and exploration concerning all areas of human experience. Its unique perspective strengthens the abilities of students within any major to critically analyze theory and research emphasizing the importance of gender while including other essential categories of analysis such as race, class, sexuality, ethnicity, and nationality. This 18 credit hour program provides skills that are useful to all majors. This program is offered under the jurisdiction and general supervision of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. For more information, contact the Women's and Gender Studies office, Sabin 225, wgs@uni.edu, or csbs.uni.edu/womenstudies.

Required 6

Humanities:

WGS 1040 Women's and Gender Studies: Introduction

Choose one of the following:

WGS 2040 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

FAM SERV 1057 Human Relationships and Sexuality

RELS/PHIL 2570 Good Sex: The Ethics of Human Sexuality

Electives: 12

Anthropology:

ANTH 3104/ PSYCH 4608/5608 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective *

Communication and Media:

COMM 4346/5346 Gender Issues in Communication

COMM 4446/5446 Voices from the Margin: Performance, Rhetoric, and Social Change

Criminology:

CRIM 4331/5331 Women, Crime and Society *

Educational Psychology:

EDPSYCH 4140/5140 Social Psychology in Educational Contexts

Languages and Literature:

ENGLISH 1120 Literature: (topic) (Topics in Women's and Gender Studies ONLY)

ENGLISH 4120/5120 Literature, Gender and Intersectionality *

ENGLISH 4420/5420 The American Renaissance *

ENGLISH 4425/5425 American Realism and Naturalism to WWI *

Family Services:

FAM SERV 1057 Human Relationships and Sexuality

FAM SERV 3145/5145 Violence in Intimate Relationships

Public Health and Education:

PH 2530 Introduction to Women's Health

PH 2540 Selected Topics in Women's Health

History:

HIST 4260/5260 United States Women's History

HIST 4690/5690 Modern European Women's History

Humanities:

HUM 3160/5160 Black Women in America: Challenge, Spirit, Survival

Philosophy:

CAP 3151 Money, Sex and Power: Theories of Race, Class and Gender

Psychology:

PSYCH 2201 Psychology of Gender *

PSYCH 4608/ ANTH 3104/5104 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective *

World Religions:

RELS 1020 Religions of the World (Family Life emphasis only) **

RELS 3150 Women and Christianity

Social Sciences:

SOC SCI 1020 Women, Men, and Society

Sociology:

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SOC 2040	Social Movements *
SOC 3045/5045	Social Inequality *
SOC 3050/5050	Men and Masculinities
SOC 4051/5051	Sociology of Gender
SOC 4071/5071	Feminist Theories in the Social Sciences *
Women's and Gender Studies:	
WGS 2040	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies
WGS 3195/5195	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies *
Total Hours	18

Notes:

No more than 9 hours from courses with the same prefix.

A minimum of 9 hours from the 3000-level or above.

No more than one of the following may be counted for WGS credit: COMM 4446/5446 or SOC 2040

* These courses have additional prerequisites.

**Students must submit a student request form to receive WGS minor credit for this course.

Master of Arts Degree

Major in Women's and Gender Studies

The Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies is interdisciplinary in nature and is under the jurisdiction of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Director of Women's and Gender Studies for any other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <https://admissions.uni.edu/application>.

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) **is not** required for admission to the program.

The Women's and Gender Studies curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students who strive for analytic clarity and rigor in gender-focused research. Students may employ the skills in reflective and critical analysis as well as the broad base of knowledge that they obtain in the program to

1. prepare for a Ph.D. program with a disciplinary or interdisciplinary focus on gender or,
2. prepare for a career in the public or private sector in the areas of gender and wellness, gender and violence prevention, or another area based on student interest or,
3. satisfy strong intellectual interests and curiosity while pursuing advanced education in the liberal arts.

Through core courses and selected electives, students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies will accomplish several objectives: examine theories concerning the social and historical constructions of gender; explore how gender identity and

sexual orientation help define human relationships; recognize that women's lives have been under-represented in traditional disciplines and investigate previously neglected materials in order to identify women's as well as men's roles in cultural or social endeavors; study, compare, and evaluate an array of disciplinary perspectives on gender, including, but not limited to, cross-cultural, economic, sociological, historical, and literary perspectives; identify intersections of gender with race, class, age, sexual identity, and ethnicity, both locally and globally, both in the present and in the past; and employ new methodological and critical approaches to materials customarily treated in other ways, revising the content and assumptions of particular disciplines to address gender and related issues more effectively.

Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.

The M.A. in Women's and Gender Studies has 2 tracks: thesis and applied (non-thesis). The thesis track requires a **minimum of 31 semester hours** of study; **15 hours of 6000-level course work is required**, which includes 6 hours of WGS 6299 Research in Women's and Gender Studies.

The non-thesis applied track requires a **minimum of 32 hours; 12 hours of 6000-level course work is required**, which includes 4 credit hours of WGS 6195 Graduate Internship in Women's and Gender Studies. The internship requirement is a culminating 120-hour internship project and research paper, which is supervised by two WGS faculty members and an internship site supervisor. The project may take a wide variety of forms, but it should meet the following 3 requirements; 1) shows evidence of theoretically informed and self-reflexive praxis; 2) shows evidence of knowledge and research skills appropriate to the project; and 3) is related to the student's focus area.

Additional non-program hours may be required if courses on a student's program of study have prerequisites which instructors choose not to waive.

Successful completion of an Social Justice Activism Portfolio is required for both tracks. Activism consists of intentional efforts to bring about some kind of change, be it social, political, economic, environmental, and so on. To enable students to assess links between academic inquiry and civic engagement, they will take advantage of opportunities to engage in social activism, both on and off campus. This will include participating in and/or organizing events and maintaining an electronic portfolio during the course of time in the program.

Common core (13 hours – required for all students):

Required (4 Hours)		4
WGS 6289	Graduate Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies: Comparative Feminist Theories	
WGS 6291	Graduate Proseminar in Women's and Gender Studies	

Feminist Theories in the Social Sciences and Humanities (3 hours)

Select one of the following:

SOC 4071/5071	Feminist Theories in the Social Sciences
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COMM 4346/5346	Gender Issues in Communication	
History (3 Hours)		3
HIST 4260/5260	United States Women's History or HIST 4690/5690 (Modern European Women's History)	
Research Methodology (3 Hours)		3
In consultation with and approval of thesis advisor, one course from the following or other course approved by the thesis advisor or program director:		
COMMGRAD 6022	Communication Research Methodology	
ENGLISH 4120/5120	Literature, Gender and Intersectionality	
ENGLISH 4140/5140	Literary Criticism	
ENGLISH 6100	Methods of Graduate Study in English	
HIST 6050	Historical Methods	
PSYCH 6002	Research Design	
SOC/ANTH 4015	Qualitative Research	
KAHHS 6210	Quantitative Methods in KAHHS	
KAHHS 6215	Qualitative Methods	
RTNL 6410	Evaluation, Research and Accountability	
Total Hours		13

Thesis Track		
Common Core		13
WGS 6299	Research Women's and Gender Studies	6
Electives related to Thesis Topic ¹		12
Total Hours		31

¹ With the approval of the thesis advisor, the student individually designs an elective sequence, selecting courses from the humanities, fine arts, social and natural sciences that best contribute to the student's thesis project.

Applied Track		
Common Core		13
WGS 6195	Graduate Internship in Women's and Gender Studies	4
RTNL 6406	Fundraising and Grant Seeking for Nonprofit Agencies	3
Electives in Focus Area		12
Total Hours		32

Focus Areas:

1) Gender and Wellness		
Required (choose one course from the following):		3
PH 3330	Health of Vulnerable Populations or PH 3310/5310 Health Equity, Advocacy, and Policy	
Electives (choose 9 hours from the following):		9
PH 3320/5320	Global Service Mission	
PH 3660/5660	Public Health Theory	

PH 3140/5140	Planning and Evaluating Public Health Programs	
PH 3150/5150	Implementing Public Health Programs	

2) Gender and Violence Prevention

Choose 12 hours from the following:		12
FAM SERV 3145/5145	Violence in Intimate Relationships	
COMM 4346/5346	Gender Issues in Communication	
SOC 3050/5050	Men and Masculinities	
CRIM 4331/5331	Women, Crime and Society	
WGS 6297	Practicum Women and Gender Studies	

3) Individualized (tailored to student interests, with permission of advisor) **12**

A Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies is also available. For requirements go to www.uni.edu/interdisciplinarymajorsandminors/programcertificates or in PDF copy go to the "Interdisciplinary" section.

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Program Certificate

Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies

The Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies is under the jurisdiction of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) provides students the opportunity to be exposed to the rapidly expanding interdisciplinary scholarship on women's and gender studies. This program is designed for students currently enrolled in a graduate program at UNI and are seeking a graduate certificate in WGS. The WGS graduate certificate requires 12 credit hours, which must be successfully completed during a five year period to earn the certificate. At least nine hours have to be completed at UNI and at least six of the 12 hours have to be at the 6000-level. Courses fulfilling the certificate program may be used to meet the requirements in a degree program in accordance with the policies of the Graduate College.

Curriculum requirements consist of one core course and a minimum of nine credit hours of electives. Students must take at least six credit hours of elective course work outside the degree-granting program. Students may petition the Director of WGS to add a relevant course. For more information, contact the Women's and Gender Studies office, Sabin 225, wgs@uni.edu, or csbs.uni.edu/womenstudies.

Required

Select one of the following:		3
Humanities:		
WGS 6289	Graduate Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies: Comparative Feminist Theories	

Sociology:

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SOC 4071/5071	Feminist Theories in the Social Sciences
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Electives **9**

Must choose one course from the Social Sciences Category A, one course from the Humanities Category B, and one course from either A, B, or the Experimental Category C.

Category A: Social Sciences

Educational Psychology:

EDPSYCH 4188/5188 Current Approaches to Multicultural Education

Design, Textiles, Gerontology, & Family Studies:

FAM SERV 3145/5145 Violence in Intimate Relationships

Political Science:

POL AMER 4142/5142 Problems in Juvenile and Family Law

History:

HIST 4260/5260 United States Women's History

HIST 4690/5690 Modern European Women's History

Sociology/Criminology:

SOC 3045/5045 Social Inequality

SOC 4071/5071 Feminist Theories in the Social Sciences

CRIM 4331/5331 Women, Crime and Society

Category B: Humanities

Communication and Media:

COMM 4446/5446 Voices from the Margin: Performance, Rhetoric, and Social Change

COMM 4346/5346 Gender Issues in Communication

Languages and Literatures:

ENGLISH 4120/5120 Literature, Gender and Intersectionality

Humanities:

HUM 3160/5160 Black Women in America: Challenge, Spirit, Survival

WGS 6289 Graduate Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies: Comparative Feminist Theories

Category C: Experimental

Social Science:

WGS 3195/5195 Internship in Women's and Gender Studies

Practicum that has a gender focus and is advised by a WGS faculty member.

Total Hours **12**