

Women's Studies Program

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The Women's Studies Program offers the Women's and Gender Studies minor to enhance students' knowledge and understanding of gender issues and the position of women in society. The program encourages a historically grounded comparative, global feminist perspective. All courses are informed by theories of the social construction of gender and address issues of diversity including race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, nationality, age, and/or ability. The program emphasizes an interactive learning process and promotes scholarly research. **Students may minor in one of two tracks: Women's Studies or Gender Studies.**

Upon selecting the Women's and Gender Studies minor, students should complete a Minor Information Form and obtain advising through the program director.

General Requirements

All students considering a minor in Women's and Gender Studies should take WMST 2100 as part of General Education requirements. All minors (both tracks) must also take WMST 4500 (completion of WMST 2100 and junior/senior standing required) plus 12 additional hours within an interdisciplinary structure as described below.

Women's Studies Track

The Women's Studies track focuses on women's lives, thoughts, and social positions. The track consists of courses taught from a feminist perspective, within historical and contemporary contexts, incorporating multinational, multicultural, and multiracial points of view.

In addition to WMST 2100 and 4500, minors taking the Women's Studies track must complete one additional program (WMST) course plus 9 hours of electives from the full list below. Students may take no more than 3 hours per major field/department.

Gender Studies Track

The Gender Studies track consists of courses that take a feminist approach to offer students knowledge and experience that facilitate intelligent and informed choice and communication regarding the socially constructed meaning of gender and gender issues within our multicultural, globalized society.

In addition to WMST 2100 and 4500, minors taking the Gender Studies track must complete either SOC 3400 or ANTH

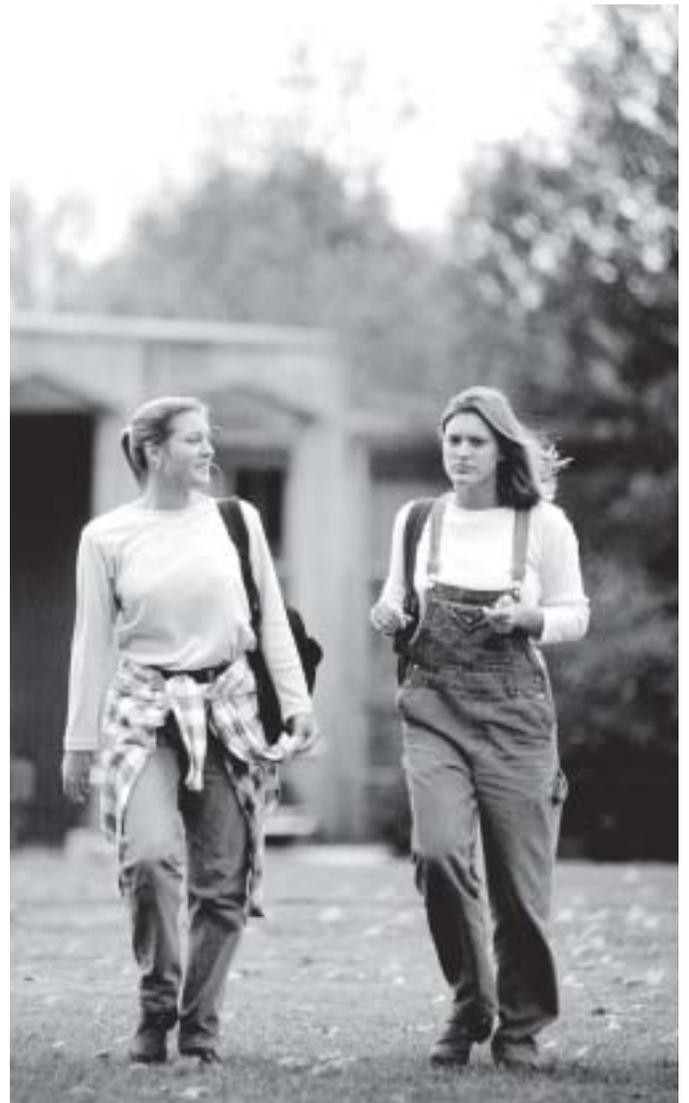
3750 and 6 hours of electives from the following courses: ANTH 3710 ("Language and Gender" only); ANTH 3750 (if not taken for above requirement); CDFS/SOC 4140; CDFS 4340; COMM 3225; COMM 4800 ("Gayspeak, Communication, and Film" only); EMC/JOUR 4800 ("Race and Gender in the Mass Media" only); SOC 3400 (if not taken for above requirement); WMST 4213 ("Gender and Horror"); plus 3 hours from the full list of courses below.

Program

WMST 2100 Introduction to Women's Studies
(required for all minors)

Students should choose WMST 2100 as part of the General Education requirement under Social/Behavioral Sciences.

WMST 2500 Women's Leadership and Self Empowerment
WMST 3000 Women's Leadership Conference Practicum A
WMST 3001 Women's Leadership Conference Practicum B
WMST 3500 Women in the Media
WMST 3900 Women in Transnational Perspective
WMST 4200 Symposium in Women's Studies (series)
WMST 4500 Feminist Theory (required for all minors)
WMST 4900 Independent Study



94 Interdisciplinary Minors

Departmental

Not all sections of a given course will earn Women's and Gender Studies credit; see Women's and Gender Studies section of schedule book for each term's approved offerings.

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| ANTH | 3710 | Topics in Anthropology (approved topics only) |
| ANTH | 3750 | Race, Class, and Gender |
| ART | 4910 | Women in Art |
| CDFS | 4140 | Violence in the Family |
| CDFS | 4340 | The Contemporary Family |
| CJA | 3700 | Women, Crime, and Justice Administration |
| COMM | 3225 | Gender Communication |
| COMM | 4800 | Special Topics in Communication (approved topics only) |
| ENGL | 2020 | Themes in Literature and Culture (approved topics only) |
| ENGL | 3060 | Black Women as Writers |
| ENGL | 3070 | Early Women Writers |
| ENGL | 3080 | Women and Film |
| ENGL | 3090 | Nineteenth-Century Women Writers |
| ENGL | 3100 | Women Writers of the Twentieth Century |
| ENGL | 4720 | Special Topics in Contemporary Literature (approved topics only) |
| ENGL | 4850 | Selected Topics in Literature and Language (approved topics only) |
| FREN | 3130 | Twentieth-Century Women Writers in French |
| HIST | 1020 | Survey Western Civilization II (approved topics only) |
| HIST | 3030 | Topics in African American History (approved topics only) |
| HIST | 4770 | Women in America to 1890 |
| HIST | 4780 | Women in America Since 1890 |
| HIST | 4790 | Women in Europe Since 1700 |
| HIST | 4810 | History of Women in the Third World |
| HLTH | 4390 | Women's Health |
| HUM | 2610 | Foreign Literature in Translation (approved topics only) |
| HUM | 3950 | Women in the Middle Ages |
| JOUR/EMC | 4800 | Seminar in Media Issues (approved topics only) |
| PHIL | 4800 | Readings in Philosophy: Feminist Epistemology |
| P S | 3000 | The Political Status of Women in the World |
| P S | 3010 | Women and the Law |
| PSY | 4620 | Psychology of Women |
| SOC | 3400 | Gender and Society |
| SOC | 4030 | Topics in Aging Studies (approved topics only) |
| SOC | 4150 | Topics in Sociology (approved topics only) |
| S W | 3050 | Women and Poverty |
| THEA | 3870 | Women in Theatre |

Courses in Women's Studies [WMST]

- 2100 Introduction to Women's Studies.** Three credits. Designed to inform and enlighten students about the lives and history of diverse women and the social construction of gender. Areas of study may include work, the family, health, sexuality, violence in women's lives, images of women, and feminist activism. **Required for all Women's and Gender Studies minors.**
- 2500 Women and Leadership.** Three credits. An exploration of the concepts of leadership and followership through historical, contemporary, and personal perspectives as they apply to women. Provides an opportunity to examine, evaluate, and enhance personal leadership skills. WMST 2100 is recommended as a prerequisite but not required.
- 3000 Women's Leadership Conference Practicum A.** Three credits. Prerequisites: WMST 2100 and permission of instructor. WMST 2500 recommended but not required. Theory and concepts of women's leadership through participation in major women's conference. Provides an opportunity to engage in creative planning, decision-making, and collaborative and experiential learning and to assume significant responsibility for conference related to women's issues. No more than 6 hours of practicum and independent study may count toward the Women's and Gender Studies minor.
- 3001 Women's Leadership Conference Practicum B.** Three credits. Prerequisites: WMST 2100, 3000, and permission of instructor. WMST 2500 recommended but not required. Theory and concepts of women's leadership through participation in major women's conference. Provides an opportunity to engage in creative planning, decision-making, and collaborative and experiential learning and to assume significant responsibility for conference related to women's issues. No more than 6 hours of practicum and independent study may count toward the Women's and Gender Studies minor.
- 3500 Women in the Media.** Three credits. Prerequisites: WMST 2100 and 1000- and 2000-level English requirements or permission of instructor. Women in popular/mass media. Emphases include images of women in the media; women as producers and consumers of media; the intersections of gender, race, and class in the media; comparative global images and issues; and feminist approaches to media study.
- 3900 Women in Transnational Perspective.** Three credits. Prerequisites: WMST 2100 and ENGL 1020 or ANTH 2010. Introduces the most relevant issues affecting women globally. Focused survey of the experiences of women around the world. Exposes students to transnational examples and critical ways of thinking about poverty, violence, and resistance. Seeks to further understanding of the global dimensions of gender, race, class, and sexuality.
- 4201-Symposium in Women's Studies.** Three credits. Prerequisite: WMST 2100 or permission of instructor. Additional prerequisites may apply to individual courses within the series. A variable-content course highlighting contributions of women to various fields and disciplines and exploring special problems which may be encountered by women. Specific courses include:
- 4201 Women and Spirituality**
 - 4202 Lesbian Studies**
 - 4204 Women and Television**
 - 4205 Women and Science**
 - 4206 Women and the Holocaust**
 - 4207 Women and the Social Construction of Illness**
 - 4209 Desire in History and Literature**
 - 4210 Ecofeminism**
 - 4211 Asian-American Women's Literature and Culture**
 - 4212 Multicultural Women's Voices**
 - 4213 Gender and Horror**
- 4500 Feminist Theory.** Three credits. Prerequisites: WMST 2100 and junior standing or permission of instructor. Major voices, texts, and ideas in the field of feminist theory from the early seventeenth century through the present within the contexts of a variety of critical discourses and emergent critical fields. Intended as a capstone for the minor. **Required for all Women's and Gender Studies minors.**
- 4900 Independent Study.** Three credits. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. A variable-content course examining a topic within the study of women and gender not covered in depth in other Women's and Gender Studies courses. Student develops project, conducts research, and confers regularly with the instructor. Student must submit a formal project proposal to be approved by the Women's Studies Program's Independent Studies Committee at least one semester prior to enrolling for WMST 4900 (Not offered during Summer terms. Please consult the Women's Studies Web site for more information.) **May be taken for credit no more than twice.**