Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS) is an interdisciplinary program that examines the multiple roles gender plays in everyday life, the impacts of gendered practices on social, cultural, and political behavior and thought, and the intersections of gender, race, sexuality, ability, age, and class.

The undergraduate program offers several WGSS courses as well as many electives through various departments. You can tailor your own undergraduate program to fit your interests while taking courses dealing with gender in the arts, humanities, social sciences, politics, the law, and the sciences.

**THE CONCENTRATION**

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary degree that transcends traditional departmental lines and brings together insights from various disciplines, while fostering particular expertise in the student’s own field of interest. This program prepares students for workplaces and fields of academic study that increasingly emphasize flexibility and the ability to extrapolate knowledge from one field to another.

**Course Requirements (36 hours total):**

As a student pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, you will be required to complete 36 hours of course work, including:

- **WGS 2500**: Introduction to Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (3 credit hours)
- **WGS 2900**: Gender, Race, and Nation (3 credit hours)
- **WGS 3150**: Survey of Feminist Theory (3 credit hours)
- **WGS 4500**: Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies (6 credit hours)
- An **approved cross-cultural course** is also required (3 credit hours)
- You must also complete 18 additional hours of electives.
  - These electives should be WGSS-approved social science/humanities electives.
  - Of these elective courses, 9 hours must be at the 3000 level or above.
  - You should contact the WGSS undergraduate adviser to ensure your electives are eligible for degree credit.

**The Minor**

As a student pursuing an undergraduate minor in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, you will be required to complete 18 hours of coursework, including:

- **WGS 2500**: Introduction to Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (3 Credit Hours)
- **WGS 4500**: Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies (3 Credit Hours)
- You must also complete 12 hours of electives, at least 9 hours must be at the 3000 level or above.
  - The minor electives should be chosen from at least two of the following areas:
    - Literature: ENGL 2593, 3593, 4593 (depending upon topic); FREN 4090, 4095; SPAN 4100
    - Culture & Society: ENGL 4493; CLST 2080; HIST 4079; REL 3300; SOCL 4413, 4521; CMST 3115
    - Theory: ENGL 4593 (depending upon topic); WGS 3150

In addition, WGS 4900, special topics courses, and courses with sections advertised as Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies may be accepted for the minor with the approval of the Director.

**Declaring a Concentration or Minor**

In order to declare an undergraduate concentration or a minor in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, you must fill out forms in the office of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences in Hodges Hall.

*(Please see undergraduate course list on the following pages)*
WGSS Courses
WGS 2200 Popular Culture and Gender
WGS 2300 Gender and Health
WGS 2500 Introduction to WGS
WGS 2501 Honors Introduction to WGS
WGS 2900 Gender, Race, and Nation
WGS 3150 Survey of Feminist Theory
WGS 3600 Women and Leadership
WGS 4028 Gender & American Politics
WGS/ANTH/GEOG 4087 Gender, Place & Culture
WGS 4500 Special Topics in WGS (up to 6 hours)
WGS 4541 Gender and the Law
WGS 4900 Independent Reading & Research in WGS
WGS 7150 Seminar in Feminist and Gender Theory
WGS 7500 (Special Topics in Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies)
WGS 7900 Independent Reading & Research in WGS

Cross-Cultural Courses
ANTH 2051 Introduction to World Ethnography
ANTH 3401 The Study of Folklore
ANTH 4003 Indian Civilization of Middle and South America
ANTH 4050 Black Music in America
ANTH 4051 Africa
ANTH 4053 African-American Cultures
ANTH 4470 Folklore of the African Diaspora
ANTH 4475 American Folklore
EDCI 4800 Teaching in the Multicultural Classroom
ENGL 3401 The Study of Folklore
ENGL 3674 Survey of African-American Literature
ENGL 4674 Studies in African-American Literature
HIST 4077 American Popular Culture
REL 4800 Buddhism
SPAN 3044 Introduction to Latin American
SPAN 3074 Advanced Readings on Hispanic American Civilization

Approved Concentration Electives
ANTH/GEOG/WGS 4087 Gender, Place, and Culture*
CLST 2080 Women in Antiquity
CMST 3115 Communication and Gender
ENGL 2593 Gender and Literature
ENGL 3593 Survey of Women and Literature
ENGL 4493 Women and Folklore
ENGL 4593 Studies in Women and Literature
ELRC 4370: Counseling Girls and Women
FREN 4090 French and Francophone Women Writers
GEOG/ANTH/WGS 4087 Gender, Place, and Culture*
HIST 2014: Goddesses to Witches: Women in Europe, 500BCE-1700CE
HIST 4013: Women in Early Modern Europe
HIST 4079 Women in American History
KIN 2600 Human Sexuality
PHIL 4949 Topics in Philosophy of Gender
POLI/WGS 4028: Gender and American Politics*
PSYC 4040: Research and Theory in Sexuality
REL 3300 Women and Religion
REL 4032 Religion, Gender, and Society
SOCL 4463 Gender and Crime
SOCL 4465: Drugs and Society
SOCL 4521 Sociology of Gender
SPAN 4100 Women Writers in the Hispanic World
SW 2500 Intro to LGBTQ Studies
THTR 4021 Gender and Sexuality in Performance
WGS 1001 Evolution of Sex and Gender
WGS 2200 Gender and Popular Culture
WGS/POLI 4028 Gender and American Politics*
WGS/ANTH/GEOG 4087 Gender, Place, and Culture* WGS 4541 Gender and Law
WGS 4900 Independent Reading and Research in Women’s & Gender Studies

*Cross-listed course with multiple prefixes
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