

# WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGS) 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 WGS 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 WGS-approved social science/humanities electives.
  - Of these elective courses, 9 hours must be at the 3000 level or above.
  - You should contact the WGS 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; FREN 4090, 4095; SPAN 4100
    - Culture & Society: ENGL 4493; CLST 2080; HIST 4079; REL 3300; SOCL 4413, 4521; CMST 3115
    - Theory: ENGL 4593; PHIL 4015; WGS 3150

## 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 reverse page)*

# WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES UNDERGRADUATE COURSE LIST

## **Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies**

**Courses** WGS 1001 Evolution of Sex and Gender  
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

## **Approved Undergrad Major Electives**

### *Social Sciences/Humanities*

CLST 2080 Women in Antiquity  
CMST 3115 Gender and Communication  
ENGL 2593 Images of Women  
ENGL 3593 Women and Literature  
ENGL 4493 Women and Folklore  
ENGL 4593 Seminar in Women's Studies  
FREN 4090 French and Francophone Women Writers  
HIST 4079 Women in U.S. History  
KIN 2600 Human Sexuality  
PHIL 4949 Topics in Philosophy of Gender  
REL 3300 Women and Religion  
REL 4032 Religion, Gender, and Society  
SOCL 4463 Gender and Crime  
SOCL 4521 Sociology of Gender  
SPAN 4100 Women Writers of the Hispanic World  
SW 2500 Intro to LGBTQ Studies  
THTR 4021 Gender and Sexuality in Performance  
WGS 2200 Popular Culture and Gender  
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

### *Cross-Cultural*

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 Lit II  
SPAN 3074 Advanced Readings on Hispanic-American Civilization

## **Approved Undergrad Minor Electives**

### *Literature*

ENGL 2593 Images of Women  
ENGL 3593 Women and Literature  
ENGL 4593 (by request) Seminar in Women's Studies  
FREN 4090 French and Francophone Women Writers  
SPAN 4100 Women Writers of the Hispanic World

### *Culture & Society*

ENGL 4493 Women and Folklore  
CLST 2080 Women in Antiquity  
HIST 4079 Women in U.S. History  
REL 3300 Women and Religion  
SOCL 4521 Sociology of Gender  
CMST 3115 Gender and Communication  
WGS 4028 Gender and American Politics

### *Theory*

ENGL 4593 (by request) Seminar in Women's Studies  
WGS 3150 Survey of Feminist Theory

*(Please see undergraduate program requirements on reverse page)*

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