



COLLEGE OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES

Women's Studies

The women's studies program uses interdisciplinary, cross-cultural teaching and scholarship to encourage the inclusion of women's perspectives and accomplishments within all academic disciplines. The program seeks to provide students with a complete image of the human experience and a full understanding of the options that a world free from gender bias offers the individual.

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# Minor in Women's Studies

*The women's studies program provides an academic approach to recognizing the equal value of women's experiences and contributions to humanity.*

The goals of the program are to encourage students:

- ◆ to appreciate the status of women, their roles, achievements, needs, and contributions;
- ◆ to recognize the study of women as a field of academic inquiry and generate research on women;
- ◆ to examine the history and function of gender roles in society and academic disciplines; and
- ◆ to advance knowledge about women through work within the university and community organizations.

*The minor in women's studies consists of 18 semester hours: WMST 300 and 5 additional courses.*

- ◆ WMST 300. Introduction to Women's Studies. An interdisciplinary, multicultural study of women's roles and their contributions to society. Historical, anthropological, biological, and artistic influences affecting women will be examined.

*Choose 9 - 15 hours from:*

- ◆ ARTH/WMST 452. Women in Art. Consideration of the images of women portrayed through art. The impact of feminism on art and contributions of women artists, designers, and architects to the history of art.
- ◆ ENGL/WMST 330. Women and Literature. This course draws upon the entire body of writing (fictional and nonfictional) by and/or about women. In different semesters, it may focus on different themes, periods, genres, authors, or issues related to women.
- ◆ HLTH/WMST 507. Women's Health Issues. A study of the problems, questions, and issues of women's health as they relate to personal and community health and well being.
- ◆ HIST/WMST 310. History of Women in America. Beginning with the colonial period and extending through the contemporary women's movement, this course will examine the role women have played in the development of American society.

- ◆ PLSC/WMST 337. Women and Global Politics. Examines the role of women in the sphere of global politics. Course assumes some knowledge of the basic issues confronting women in the contemporary global context.
- ◆ PLSC/WMST 371. Women and Politics in the U.S. Women as a special interest group and their role in the American political process.
- ◆ PLSC/WMST 553. Feminist Theory. Examines the variety of ideas, methods, and issues in feminist literature.
- ◆ PSYC/WMST 308. Psychology of Women. Intensive study of the research and issues in psychology that pertain specifically to women.
- ◆ WMST 450 Special Topics in Women's Studies. In depth or specialized inquiry into women's studies topics or issues.

*Choose 0 - 6 from:*

- ◆ ANTH 201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ◆ ANTH/BIOL 540 Ecological Anthropology
- ◆ GEOG 101 Human Geography
- ◆ GEOG 500 Global Environment & Sustainable Development
- ◆ HLTH 506 Human Sexuality
- ◆ PSYC 206 Developmental Psychology
- ◆ SOCL/GRNT 504 Sociology of Aging
- ◆ SOCL 305 Marriage and the Family

In addition to the above courses, the women's studies committee welcomes new women's studies course suggestions from the faculty. Courses already listed in the catalog may be given credit as women's studies courses if they give significant attention to women or women's studies issues. Such courses should be submitted to the women's studies committee for approval along with a course outline or syllabus.