

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

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The Gender and Sexuality Studies minor combines two interdisciplinary fields to introduce students to a social, cultural, and historical overview of how gender has been lived and understood. The first field, Gender Studies, explores social constructions of gender and how those meanings intersect with sexuality, race, ethnicity, social class, disability, and age. The second field, Sexuality Studies, invites us to think about both biology and society in dialogue as the human person and self is constructed. Both fields grew out of the inquiries initiated by Women's Studies, but both complicate the early questions posed by that line of inquiry. The program slogan, "a minor that makes a major difference," is two-fold. First, Gender and Sexuality Studies aims to make a difference in the personal, intellectual, and professional lives of students by exposure to new, more inclusive ways of thinking and relating in society. Second, the minor intends to make a difference in a student's major field of study by providing concepts, perspectives, and insights that become "lenses" through which they engage in research and analyses. The Gender and Sexuality Studies minor requires 18 credit hours consisting of one required course WGS 300, Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies and five 3-credit electives. Opportunities for independent study and for internships are also available.

GENDER and Sexuality STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS (18 CREDITS) *

Code	Title	Credits
Required Introduction Course		
WGS 300	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
Gender and Sexuality Studies Elective Courses		
Select 15 credits from the following courses:		15
AFS/HIS 277	Global Perspectives on Medicine in Africa and the African Diaspora	
AMS/SOC 318	Gender in American Society	
AMS/CRJ/SOC 323	Crime, Victimization and Public Health	
AMS/ANT/ BKS/CRJ/SOC 341	Race and Justice	
AMS/SOC 360	Gender, Society and Culture	
AMS/ANT/ SOC 411	Social Inequality and Stratification	
AMS/JPS/THL 419	Bible, Spirituality, & American Public Life	
ANT 352	Magic, Witchcraft and Medicine	
ANT/SOC 425	What's for Dinner, Honey?: Food, Culture, Gender, and Health	
ARH 435	Women, Art and Society	
CNE 170	Love, Marriage and the Family in Classical Antiquity	
COM 172	Princesses, Brides and Mothers	
COM 261	This is Us: Exploring Complex Communication in Family and Interpersonal Relationships	

COM 312	Mass Media and Modern Culture
COM 364	Family Communication About Health and Well-Being
COM 462	Gender, Work, and Organizing
COM 471	Discourse of the American Family
COM 474	The Dark Side of Personal Relationships
COM 478	Perspectives on Work-Life Balance, Wellness and Justice
ENG 225	Dead Men Tell No Tales: Pirate Literature Through the Ages
ENG 226	Fiction and the Idea of the Nation
ENG 229	Literature and Medicine
ENG 312	Mass Media and Modern Culture
ENG 342	English Literature III: Romantic/Victorian
ENG 378	Hysteria: Gender and Health in Literature
ENG 393	African-American Literature
ENG 410	Women in Literature
ENG 424	Adventurous Men and Wild Women: Genre, Gender and Geography in Fin-de-Siecle Literature
ENG 441	Trauma in Literature
ENG 442	18th and/or 19th Century British Novel
ENG 445	Daughters of Erin: Irish Women Writers
ENG 446	The Body in Early English Literature
ENG 455	Global Bollywood
ENG 482	Special Topics in American Literature
ENG 483	The Rhetoric of Emotion
FRN 551	Women Writers In French And Francophone Literature
HIS 281	Europe's Hubris and Humiliation
HIS 287	Global Perspectives in History: The Native American Experience
HIS 345	History and the Holocaust
HIS 398	History of Sexuality
HIS 461	History and Gender
HIS 483	History of Environmental Inequalities
IDC 491	Women in Science
PHL 348	Philosophy of Feminism
PHL 427	Food, Sex, and the Good Life
PHL 479	The Philosophy of Love and Sex
PLS 339	Public Policy And Poverty In The United States
PSY 428	Cross-Cultural Issues in Psychology
PSY 470	Human Sexuality
PSY 473	The Psychology of Gender
SOC 322	Victim Advocacy Policy and Practice
THL 115	The Christian Tradition in Women's Voices
THL 230	The Biblical Tradition: Gender, Economy, and Violence
THL 231	The Biblical Tradition: Perspectives on Suffering and Evil
THL 272	Theological Ethics: Sexual and Gender Issues
THL 518	Women and the Bible
THL 567	Gender, Race and Morality
THL 568	Women In The Christian Tradition

WGS 492	Advocacy and Education Internship (requires director approval)
WGS 495	Directed Independent Study (requires director approval)

* Kingfisher concentration requirements are 9 credits total, chosen from the list of courses in the associated minor. Unless otherwise specified. COM 172, ENG 225, ENG 226, THL 115, THL 230 and THL 272 are not eligible for the Kingfisher concentration.

Courses

WGS 300. Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies. 3 credits. OD

This introduction to the interdisciplinary fields of Women's and Gender Studies presents a historical, sociological, cultural, and theoretical overview of how gender has been lived and understood over the past two hundred years. In addition to providing the basic vocabularies and concepts central to women's, feminist, and gender studies, the course will enable students to analyze the ways in which conceptions of "womanhood" and "manhood" intersect with class, race, ethnicity, sexuality, ability, and age to define social categories, shape identities, and form (or re-form) systems of power, privilege, and oppression.

WGS 492. Advocacy and Education Internship. 1-3 credits. FA, SP

The course requires reflection papers and reports throughout the semester. Course may not be repeated. P. IC.

WGS 495. Directed Independent Study. 1-3 credits. OD

May be repeated to a limit of six hours. P. DC.