

WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (BA)

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program is a flexible interdisciplinary academic program devoted to pursuit of knowledge concerning women and the critical analysis of the production of gender and sexuality within transnational and cross-cultural contexts. Combining the methods and insights of traditional academic disciplines with the special insights of feminist studies, gender studies, and sexuality studies, our courses focus on understanding the origins of and changes in diverse cultural and social arrangements. The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major is broad as well as flexible.

The Program is committed to a vision of people of diverse sexualities and genders that is truly transnational and cross-cultural and that recognizes the diversity of sexual and gender desires, practices, and identifications, as well as racial, ethnic, class and religious differences.

The Program prepares students to employ critical learning in their private lives, in their public roles as citizens and as members of the work force, and enhances their ability to advocate for gender and sexual justice. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies fosters interdisciplinary breadth and critical thinking and thus opens the way to a wide variety of career choices and graduate programs. Our students are flourishing in social service agencies, business, law, education, and journalism, and employers appreciate the broad interdisciplinary perspective of a Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies education.

Core Courses

Students are required to pass the following core courses (15 credits):

Course	Title	Credits
WGSS 2250	Critical Approaches to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
WGSS 3265W	Producing Critical Feminist Scholarship	3
WGSS 4994W	Capstone Seminar	3
One 3000-level theory course to be chosen from the following:		
WGSS 3256	Feminist, Queer, and Trans Theories	3
WGSS 3257/3257W	Feminist Disability Studies	3
One 3000-level course in social movements and cultural production to be chosen from the following:		
WGSS 3105/3105W	The Politics of Reproduction	3
WGSS 3269/3269W	Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements	3
WGSS 3369	Gender, Justice, and Hashtags	3
WGSS 3253/3253W	Gender Representations in U.S. Popular Culture	3
WGSS 3718/3718W		3

Supporting Courses

Students are required to pass five additional WGSS courses at the 2000 level or above (15 credits). At least three (nine credits) of these must be chosen from the following:

Course	Title	Credits
WGSS 2105/2105W		3
WGSS 2124	Gender and Globalization	3
WGSS 2204	Feminisms and the Arts	3

WGSS 2217/2217W	Women, Gender and Film	3
WGSS 2255/2255W	LGBTQ Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization	3
WGSS/HRTS 2263	Women, Gender, and Violence	3
WGSS 2267	Women and Poverty	3
WGSS/AFRA/HIST/LLAS 2622	History of Gender and Sexuality in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
WGSS/AFRA/AMST/HDFS 3042		3
WGSS 3105/3105W	The Politics of Reproduction	3
WGSS 3252	Genders and Sexualities	3
WGSS 3253/3253W	Gender Representations in U.S. Popular Culture	3
WGSS/ASLN 3254	Women and Gender in the Deaf World	3
WGSS 3255/3255W	Sexual Citizenship	3
WGSS 3256	Feminist, Queer, and Trans Theories	3
WGSS 3257/3257W	Feminist Disability Studies	3
WGSS 3258/LLAS 3230	Latina Narrative	3
WGSS 3259/LLAS 3231		3
WGSS 3264	Gender in the Workplace	3
WGSS 3269/3269W	Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements	3
WGSS 3270/3270W	Masculinities	3
WGSS/COMM/LLAS 3321	Latinas and Media	3
WGSS 3350 or ANTH 3350	Anthropological Perspectives on Women	3
WGSS 3369	Gender, Justice, and Hashtags	3
WGSS/AFRA/POLS 3652	Black Feminist Politics	3
WGSS 3718/3718W		3
WGSS 3891	Internship Program ¹	1-9
WGSS 3894		3
WGSS 3993	International Study	1-6
WGSS 3995	Special Topics	1-6
WGSS 3998	Variable Topics	3
WGSS 3999	Independent Study	1-6
WGSS/AAAS/AFRA/LLAS 4100	Experiential/Service Learning Seminar	4

¹ **Note:** Up to six credits of WGSS 3891 Internship Program Internship Program (Internship Program) may be counted toward the major.

Related Courses

Students must pass an additional 12 credits at the 2000 level or above in fields closely related to the major.

General Education Requirements

WGSS 4994W Capstone Seminar fulfills the information literacy competency and writing in the major requirements.

A minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is described in the "Minors" section.

University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student's major course of study and other requirements set by the student's school or college. For more information about these requirements, please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University's General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.