

Women's and Gender Studies Minor

Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) examines the effects of gender bias and gender codes in society, in scholarship, and in lived experience. Students learn to apply an intersectional analysis to social issues, examining how gender biases and codes intersect with and reinforce other axes of inequality such as race, class, and disability. Students analyze the root structures of systems of oppression and evaluate the effectiveness of various strategies for creating social change.

This minor is a great choice for students planning on careers in social services, counselling, human resources, DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), and many other career paths.

The minor consists of 18 credits. Students take WGS 105: Introduction to WGS, and five additional classes drawn from a list of interdisciplinary electives. Areas that offer courses include English, Foreign Language, History, Human Development, Media Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies.

The following courses offered in the summer and fall of 2025, count toward the WGS minor:

Summer 2025 Courses

Course	Course Title	Session	Time	Instructor
WGS 105	Intro to Women's and Gender Studies	5/27-6/20/2025	ONLINE	L. Gantz
ENGL 383*	Themes in Literature: Gender and YA Literature	6/23-7/18/2025	ONLINE	R. Stephens
HD 230	Human Sexuality	5/27-7/18/25	ONLINE	S. Turgeson

Fall 2025 Courses

Course	Course Title	Time	Days/week	Instructor
WGS 105-01	Intro to Women's and Gender Studies	2-3:15PM	T R	L. Gantz
WGS 105-02	Intro to Women's and Gender Studies	3:30-4:45PM	T R	L. Gantz
HIST 285	Women in American History	2-3:15PM	M W	R. Harper
MSTU 394	Sex, Media, and Rape Culture	5-7:50PM	T	K. Wilz
POLI 360-01	Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective (on campus)	5-6:15PM	M W	J. Collins
POLI 360-01F	Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective (virtual)	5-6:15PM	M W	J. Collins
PSY 255	Psychology of Sexual Behavior	9:30-10:45AM	T R	H. Molenda-Figueira
SOC 240	Marriage and the Family	11AM-12:15PM	T R	M. Bohm-Jordan
SOC 395*	Special Topics: Serving LGBTQIA+ Individuals and Communities	12:30-1:45PM	T R	O. Gerrish

Courses marked with an asterisk (*) will not automatically populate the list of WGS courses you've taken. If you take one of these courses, you will need to contact Prof. Gantz to ask for an adjustment to your DPR. For more information or questions, contact Prof. Lauren Gantz, Coordinator of Women's and Gender Studies (lgantz@uwsp.edu).



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