

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 will be offered in the spring of 2026 and will count toward the WGS minor.

(*) Requires approval from Lauren Gantz to count toward the WGS minor.



Spring 2026 Courses

Course	Course Title	Time	Days/week	Instructor
WGS 105	Intro to Women's and Gender Studies	2:00 - 3:15 p.m.	T R	R. Stephens
ENGL 340	Language, Gender, and Sexuality	5:00 - 6:15 p.m.	T R	J. Berry
ENGL 382	Ethnic Literature of the United States: Multiethnic Graphic Narratives	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	T R	L. Gantz
ENGL 384	Disability Studies Theory *	11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	MWF	V. Kuykendall
ENGL 386	Major Authors of Ethnic Literature: Lorde and Rich	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	T R	F. McKee
HD 230	Human Sexuality	12:30 - 1:45 p.m.	T R	S. Turgeson
HD 230	Human Sexuality	Asynchronous	Online	S. Turgeson
REL 333	Women and Goddesses in India	5:00 - 6:15 p.m.	W R	L. Whitmore
PSY 240	Psychology of Gender	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.	T R	E. Weisgram
SOC 240	Marriage and Family	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.	T R	M. Bohm-Jordan
SOC 320	Sociology of Gender	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.	T R	A. Herda-Rapp
SOC 344	Interpersonal Violence	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	T R	M. Bohm-Jordan
MSTU 357	Media and Popular Culture *	5:00 - 7:50 p.m.	T	K. Wilz
PHIL 317	Philosophy of Love and Sex *	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.	T R	J. Zinser

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