

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

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The Minor Program in Women's and Gender Studies (15 credits)

The minor program in women's and gender studies brings together those courses offered by the University which focus upon questions of gender, giving students the opportunity to explore relationships among genders, through concentrated study across several diverse fields.

Program Objectives:

1. To provide students with an interdisciplinary perspective regarding issues of gender (drawing upon such fields as English, philosophy, history, anthropology, sociology, social work, psychology, government, and communications).
2. To offer a minor for students who wish to enrich their major field of study through a study of gender roles.
3. To assist students in forging connections among classroom material, real-life situations and their own efforts to effect social change.

Program Requirements:

Students should seek advising from the director in choosing the courses for the minor.

1. A minimum of 15 credits as listed below are required to complete the minor.
2. Courses must be from three different disciplines and must focus one-half to two-thirds of their material on women/gender issues.
3. Core requirements: IDST 255 and four additional courses (12 credits).
4. Special Topics and other courses can be used if approved by the director.

THE CURRICULUM IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

IDST 255. Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3-3-0) [formerly WGST 201, equivalent] AIGM

This interdisciplinary course places the study of women and gender at the center of the curriculum. We will interrogate how femininities and masculinities have been socially constructed and maintained through a variety of institutions in both American society and worldwide. By focusing on intersections of gender with race, class, sexuality, ethnicity, and nation, we will also recognize the manifestations of power and privilege in everyday life. Among the topics we will address are: feminist history and theory; work, welfare, and poverty; body image, health care, and reproductive rights; violence; globalization; and the future of feminism.

The following course descriptions appear in appropriate sections throughout the catalog.

Core

IDST 255 Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies

Electives*

AMST 350	Sex, Law, and Society
ANTH/SOCL 377	Women, Gender, and Culture
CLST 313	Women in Ancient Greece and Rome
COMM 330	Gender Communication
COMM 430	Sex, Sexuality and Communication
ENGL 320	WI: Studies in Women and Literature
FREN 354	French Women Writers
HIST 304	U.S. Women's History
HIST 305	History of Gender and Sexuality in the United States
HIST 489	Women and Social Movements in U.S. History
LDSP 380	Women in Leadership
PHIL 315	Philosophy of Gender
PHIL 319	Philosophy of Love and Sexuality
POLS 382	Women and Politics
PSYC 320	Psychology of Gender
PSYC 420	Human Sexuality
SOCL 303	The Family in Transition

*Other courses, including special topics and independent study or internships, with permission of the director.