

Women and Gender Studies

The goals of Women and Gender Studies include: Examining the contributions of all genders to aspects of society; exploring the intersections of race, class, sexual orientation, age, and physical ability with gender both globally and nationally; investigating the heritage, challenges and concerns of women and men; and providing a newer and broader understanding of women and men in all fields.

A Women and Gender Studies program provides the benefits of a liberal arts education with an emphasis on critical thinking, writing, and organizational skills, making oral presentations, and expands the traditional acknowledgement that a liberal education produces well-rounded individuals. There also are multiple practical applications of a Women and Gender Studies major. The interdisciplinary curriculum, with an emphasis on equality and diversity, prepares students for leadership in the workplace, politics, health care, sport, family life, education, and law.

Women and Gender Studies Major

The major consists of 36 credits, including a 15 credit core, six hours of general Women and Gender Studies elective classes, and 15 hours of topic-intensive work (Women and Liberal Arts; Women, Families, and Health; and Women, Work, and Public Policy). Many of the courses in the topic-intensive electives are at Concordia College (<https://www.concordiacollege.edu/academics/departments-programs/womens-studies-2>) and MSUM (<http://www.mnstate.edu/women>).

Women and Gender Studies Minor

The Women and Gender Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program appropriate as a complement to various majors. This minor is particularly useful in acquiring perspectives that complement traditional studies for developing leadership roles or for pursuing careers that involve concerns about gender.

Major Requirements

Major: Women & Gender Studies

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree - The completion of a minor program of study is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree - Second year language proficiency required.

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
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ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	
ENGL 323	Creative Writing II	
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
ENGL 325	Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGL 357	Visual Culture and Language	
ENGL 358	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Quantitative Reasoning (R): Select from current general education list		3
Science & Technology (S):		10
A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education courses		
Humanities & Fine Arts (A):		
WGS 110	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
Select from current general education courses		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (B):		
SOC 412	Sociology of Gender	3
Select from current general education courses		3
Wellness (W): Select from current general education list		2
Cultural Diversity (D):		
WGS 110	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list		
Total Credits		40

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences College requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

AH&SS College Requirements

Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.

Area One: Humanities	3
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS	
Area Two: Social Sciences	3
ANTH, CJ, COMM, ENGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS	
Area Three: Fine Arts	3
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA	
Total Credits	9

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements	40
AH&SS College Requirement	9
Women & Gender Studies Major	
WGS 350 Perspectives in Women's Studies	3
WGS 489 Internship/Capstone	3
SOC 424 Feminist Theory and Discourse	3
Electives: Select 6 credits from the following:	6
COMM 412 Gender and Communication	
ENGL 454 Language Bias	
HDFS 448 Issues In Sexuality	
SOC 219 Sociology of Sexual Behavior (MSUM)	
SOC 308 Social Gerontology (MSUM)	
SOC 310 Dominant-Subordinate Group Relations (MSUM)	
WGS 112 Introduction to Masculinities	
WGS 491 Seminar (10 hours = 1 credit)	
WGS 496 Field Experience	
WS 407 Inclusive Science: Women, Gender, and Science (MSUM)	
SOC 415 Media and Diverse Identities (MSUM)	
Topic Electives: Students must take classes in at least 3 topic areas.	15
Topic Area 1: Women, Work and Public Policy:	
COMM 383 Organizational Communication I	
ENGL 459 Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
HDFS 353 Children, Families and Public Policy	
HDFS 468 Families and Work	
POLS 350 Gender Issues and the Law	
POLS 351 Women and Politics	
SOC 235 Cultural Diversity	
SOC 410 Social Inequality	
SOC 439 Social Change	
Topic Area 2: Women and Liberal Arts:	
ANTH 303 Cross-Cultural Gender (MSUM)	
COMM 216 Intercultural Communication	
ENGL246 Women in Literature (MSUM)	
ENGL 248 Intro to American Ethnic Literature (MSUM)	
ENGL 330 British and American Women Writers	
ENGL 331 Contemporary Women Writers	
ENGL 335 Multicultural Writers	
ENG 365 Writing of Women (CC)	
FREN 223 Race, Gender and Power in the Francophone World (CC)	
FREN 345 Women in French Literature	
HIST 259 Women in European History 1400-1800	
HIST 344 Women and Development: The Asian Experience (CC)	
SPAN 325 Hispanic Women Writers (CC)	
THR 323 Women and Theatre (CC)	
Topic Area 3: Women, Families and Health:	
COMM 380 Health Communication I	
HDFS 230 Life Span Development	
HDFS 242 Couples, Marriages and Families	

HDFS 353 Children, Families and Public Policy	
HDFS 462 Methods of Family Life Education	
HDFS 475 Children and Families Across Cultures	
PHRM 170 Common Medicines & Diseases	
PSYC 210 Human Sexuality	
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology	
SOC 416 Sociology Through Literature (M)	
SOC 417 Sociology of the Family	
SOC 439 Social Change	
Degree Requirements: Potential of 43 credits to reach 122	43
Total Credits	122

Minor Requirements

Women & Gender Studies Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 18

Required Courses

WGS 110 Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WGS 350 Perspectives in Women's Studies	3

Core Courses: Select 12 credits of the following 12

COMM 412 Gender and Communication	
AHSS Courses - at least 3 credits from this area:	
ENGL 330 British and American Women Writers	
ENGL 331 Contemporary Women Writers	
ENGL 335 Multicultural Writers	
ENGL 454 Language Bias	
ENGL 459 Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
HIST 259 Women in European History 1400-1800	
POLS 350 Gender Issues and the Law	
POLS 351 Women and Politics	
SOC 235 Cultural Diversity	
SOC 412 Sociology of Gender	
SOC 417 Sociology of the Family	
SOC 424 Feminist Theory and Discourse	
SOC 439 Social Change	
HD&E Courses - at least 3 credits from this area	
HDFS 230 Life Span Development	
HDFS 242 Couples, Marriages and Families	
HDFS 353 Children, Families and Public Policy	
HDFS 448 Issues In Sexuality	
HDFS 468 Families and Work	
HDFS 475 Children and Families Across Cultures	
Other Available Courses:	
PSYC 210 Human Sexuality	
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology	
WGS 112 Introduction to Masculinities	
WGS 491 Seminar	

Total Credits 18

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU