

Women and Gender Studies

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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 Minnesota State University Moorhead (<https://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

Code	Title	Credits
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
Communication (C):		
ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
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	
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		
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:

Code	Title	Credits
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

Code	Title	Credits
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	
Total Credits	122

Minor Requirements

Women & Gender Studies Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 18

Code	Title	Credits
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
AHSS Courses - at least 3 credits from this area:		
COMM 412	Gender and Communication	
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