

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.

The 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 areas such as the workplace, politics, health care, sport, families, education, and law.

Women and Gender Studies Major

The Women and Gender Studies major consists of 36 credits, including a 21 credit core and 15 hours of elective classes.

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

General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree

- A list of approved general education courses is available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).
- General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review the major, minor, and program emphases requirements for minimum grade restrictions, should they apply.

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]		3
Science and Technology (S) [†]		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]		6
Wellness (W) [†]		2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{*†}		
Global Perspectives (G) ^{*†}		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† May be satisfied with courses required in the major. Review major requirements to determine if a specific upper division writing course is required.

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency at college level required.

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 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, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
Area Three: Fine Arts		3
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
Total Credits		9

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Women & Gender Studies Major		
SOC 424	Feminist Theory and Discourse	3
WGS 110	Introduction to Women's Studies (May satisfy general education category A and D)	3
WGS 112	Introduction to Masculinities (May satisfy general education category A and D)	3
WGS 340	Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies	3
WGS 350	Perspectives in Women's Studies	3
WGS 370	Transnational/Global Women	3
WGS 489	Internship/Capstone	3
Electives: Select 15 credits from the following:		15
CJ 310	Women and Policing	
CJ 465	Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice	
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication (May satisfy general education category B and D)	
COMM 380	Health Communication I	
COMM 383	Organizational Communication I	
COMM 412	Gender and Communication	
ENGL 330	British and American Women Writers (May satisfy general education category A and D)	
ENGL 331	Contemporary Women Writers	
ENGL 335	Multicultural Writers (May satisfy general education category A and D)	
ENGL 454	Language Bias	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
FREN 345	Women in French Literature	
HDFS 230	Life Span Development (May satisfy general education category B)	
HDFS 242	Couples, Marriages and Families (May satisfy general education category W)	
HDFS 353	Children, Families and Public Policy	
HDFS 448	Issues In Sexuality	
HDFS 468	Families and Work	
HDFS 475	Children and Families Across Cultures (May satisfy general education category B and D)	
HIST 259	Women in European History 1400-1800	

HIST 426	Women in American History	
POLS 350	Gender Issues and the Law	
POLS 351	Women and Politics	
PSYC 210	Human Sexuality (May satisfy general education category B)	
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology (May satisfy general education category B)	
SOC 235	Cultural Diversity (May satisfy general education category B and D)	
SOC 410	Social Inequality	
SOC 412	Sociology of Gender (May satisfy general education category B and D)	
SOC 417	Sociology of the Family	
SOC 439	Social Change	
WGS 496	Field Experience	
Total Credits		36

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
CJ 310	Women and Policing	
CJ 465	Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice	
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	
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	
HIST 259	Women in European History 1400-1800	
HIST 260	Women In America	
POLS 350	Gender Issues and the Law	
POLS 351	Women and Politics	
PSYC 210	Human Sexuality	
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	
SOC 235	Cultural Diversity	
SOC 417	Sociology of the Family	
SOC 424	Feminist Theory and Discourse	
SOC 439	Social Change	
WGS 112	Introduction to Masculinities	
WGS 340	Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies	
WGS 370	Transnational/Global Women	
Total Credits		18

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU