



Gender and Women's Studies - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences

The program in Gender and Women's Studies provides students an opportunity to examine and integrate the contributions of established academic disciplines in understanding the historical and contemporary roles and status of women. Also, the program provides a framework for research and analyses which focus upon women's issues.

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. See the complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree on page 109.

University Studies Program Requirements

I. Math 0-3
II. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) 0-8
III. Inference-Logic 3-6
IV. Written Communication 3-6
V. Natural Sciences 6
VI. Social Sciences 6
VII. Humanities 6
VIII. Cross-Cultural 3
IX. Electives (choose two Natural Science courses) 6
USP hours: 30-42

Graduation Writing Requirement

After attaining sophomore status, students must complete a Graduation Writing Requirement course. See "University Writing Requirement" on pages 77-78 of this Bulletin.

Graduation Writing Requirement Hours: 3

College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended)
II. Disciplinary Requirements
a. Natural Science (completed by USP Elective Requirement)
b. Social Science (completed by Major Requirements)
c. Humanities (partially completed by Major Requirements)
III. Laboratory or Field Work 1
IV. Electives 6
College Requirement hours: 10-18

Premajor Requirements

GWS 200 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies in the Social Sciences 3
GWS 201 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies in the Arts and Humanities 3
Premajor hours: 6

Major Requirements

Core Courses

GWS 250 Social Movements 3
GWS 340 History of Feminist Thought to 1985 3
GWS 350 Introduction to Feminist Theorizing 3
GWS 400 Doing Feminist Research 3
GWS 595 Issues in Gender and Women's Studies (Subtitle required) 3
Core hours: 15

Elective Courses

Choose five 3-credit-hour courses (not to exceed more than 12 hours of GWS courses from the following) from a list of approved electives, including the courses below. Additional non-GWS courses will be approved on a semester-by-semester basis.
GWS 300 Topics in Gender and Women's Studies (Subtitle required) 3
GWS 395 Undergraduate Research in Gender and Women's Studies 1-3
GWS 399 Internship in Gender and Women's Studies 1-6
GWS 416 Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Gender and Women's Studies 3
GWS 430 Gender, Power and Violence 3
GWS 595 Issues in Gender and Women's Studies (Subtitle required) 3
Elective hours: 15

Total Major hours: 30

Other Course Work Required for the Major

Students must complete at least 27 credit hours of the major through upper-division course work (12 credit hours of core courses, 15 credit hours of electives).

From Outside the Major Department

Choose 12 hours outside GWS at the 300+ level. 200+ level courses used to satisfy USP and College requirements can also be counted here.

Other Major hours: 12

Total Minimum Hours

Required for Degree 120