

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: WGST

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The minor is for students who are interested in gender, sexuality, and feminist perspectives. While it is an especially good complement to a major in the humanities, social sciences, health and human services, or natural sciences, it is open to students in any major in the university.

The interdisciplinary minor consists of two required courses and four electives. Students interested in feminist and gender issues choose their elective courses from a broad range of offerings. Those who wish to focus on LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer issues) issues, take an introductory course focused on these issues and two electives that incorporate more specifically such perspectives.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see the Undergraduate Policies section of this catalog.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Introductory Course

Code	Title	Credits
WMST 200	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (Mason Core)	3
Total Credits		3

Theory Course

Code	Title	Credits
WMST 330	Theoretical Perspectives in Women and Gender Studies	3
Total Credits		3

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select one WMST course		3
Select 9 credits of additional elective courses from the following ¹		9
Any WMST course		
AFAM 200	Introduction to African American Studies (Mason Core)	
CHIN 328	Asian American Women Writers (Mason Core)	
HEAL 325	Health Aspects of Human Sexuality	
HEAL 327	Women's Health	
HIST 350	U.S. Women's History	
PSYC 362	Psychology of Gender	
PSYC 466	Psychology of Intimate Relationships	
INTS 310	Violence and Gender	
INTS 312	Images and Experiences of Childhood: Social Construct, Literature, and Film	
INTS 317	Issues in Family Relationships (Mason Core)	
INTS 320	Construction of Differences: Race, Class, and Gender (Mason Core)	
INTS 346	Art as Social Action (Mason Core)	
INTS 347	Gender Representation in Popular Culture (Mason Core)	
INTS 400	Temptress: Constructs of Sex and Power	
INTS 405	Women and Leadership	
INTS 446	Art, Beauty, and Culture (Mason Core)	
SOCI 309	Marriage, Families, and Intimate Life	
SOCI 315	Contemporary Gender Relations	
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core)	
Total Credits		12

¹ Note: for students who choose a focus on LGBTQ, two of the four electives must be approved for that focus by the undergraduate advisor.