

GENDER, SEXUALITY AND WOMEN'S STUDIES (B.A.)

The Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program offers a Bachelor of Arts degree and a minor concentration in this discipline. The program's interdisciplinary undergraduate curriculum is designed to give students the theoretical bases and methodological skills for analyzing gender, sexuality, and women from the perspective of the humanities, historical studies, and the social sciences. Students will gain an understanding of the various contexts and constructs including literary, social, cultural, economic, psychological, philosophical, and political that shape our perceptions of these issues in different geographical locations and across time. Through the program, students will:

1. gain an interdisciplinary understanding of current scholarship in this discipline;
2. explore the multicultural and international histories and contexts of questions related to gender, sexuality, and women;
3. grasp the intersections between race, class, gender, and sexuality from different disciplinary perspectives;
4. challenge commonly held notions about gender, sexuality, and women in ways that promote social change;
5. explore individual and professional interests in this field in ways that enhance their personal lives as well as their professional goals;

Students wishing to pursue the major or minor in gender, sexuality, and women's studies should meet with the undergraduate advisor.

Candidates must complete 120 credits in course work including satisfaction of the University General Education Requirements (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education>) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Group Requirements (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/bachelors-degree-requirements>), as well as the departmental major requirements cited below. All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the University (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-regulations>) and the College (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations>) governing undergraduate scholarship and degrees.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS consist of thirty-two credits distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
GSW 2500	Humanities Perspectives on Gender, Sexuality, and Women	3
GSW 2600	History of Women, Gender and Sexuality in the Modern World	3
GSW 2700	Social Science Perspectives on Gender, Sexuality, and Women	3
GSW 5200	Feminist, Gender, and Queer Theory	3
GSW 5990	Senior Project Seminar	4
Electives		
Select 16 credits of one of the Areas of Focus (see lists below)		16
Total Credits		32

Electives from Areas of Focus

Students are encouraged to take sixteen credits from within one of the following areas of focus:

- Literature, Film, and Media Studies
- LGBTQ Studies
- Social Sciences
- Historical Studies

Areas of focus allow students to specialize within the program in ways that enhance their academic and professional goals. However, students are not required to take all of their credits within one focus area; they can take sixteen credits from among all of the listed courses. Because new courses are created by faculty on a rolling basis, students are encouraged to consult with the director or the undergraduate advisor about any courses not on the following list which may be included in their major.

NOTE: some of the courses in the following curricula are offered for variable topics and only suitable as electives in this program for particular content. All such courses are cited below as "when approved" options.

Literature, Film, and Media Studies

Code	Title	Credits
AFS/GSW 5110	Black Women in America	3
ANT 5240	Cross Cultural Study of Gender	3
CLA 3050/5050	Cleopatra	3
CLA 3190	Topics on Women in Antiquity	3
COM 3010	Media Analysis and Criticism	3
COM 5020	Studies in Film History (when approved)	3
COM 5360	Gender and Communication	3
ENG 2570	Literature By and About Women: Literature and Writing	3
ENG 5020	Topics in Media and Modern Culture (when approved)	3
ENG/GSW 5030	Topics in Women's Studies	3
ENG 5070	Topics in Film and Media (when approved)	4
ENG 5150	Shakespeare (when approved)	3
GER 5400	Cultural Studies and Criticism (when approved)	3-4
GSW 5300	Topics in LGBTQ Studies	3
GSW 5400	Topics in Gender and Women's Studies	3
NE/GSW 3520	Women and Gender in Middle East History	3

LGBTQ Studies

Code	Title	Credits
COM 1010	Oral Communication: Basic Speech (when approved)	3
ENG 5080	Topics in Global and Transnational Studies (when approved)	3
GSW 5300	Topics in LGBTQ Studies	3
PHI 5800	Special Topics in Philosophy (when approved)	2-4
PSY 3380	Human Sexuality	3

Social Sciences

Code	Title	Credits
AFS/GSW 5110	Black Women in America	3
ANT 5240	Cross Cultural Study of Gender	3
PSY 3250	Psychology of Gender	3
CRJ/GSW 2750	Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice	3

PSY 3380	Human Sexuality	3
SOC 3400	Exploring Marriage and Other Intimate Relationships	3
SOC 4460	Women in Society	3
SOC 5400	The Family	3
SOC 5410	Marriage and Family Problems	3
SOC 5870	Violence in the Family	3

Historical Studies

Code	Title	Credits
CLA 3050/5050	Cleopatra	3
CLA 3190	Topics on Women in Antiquity	3
HIS 3250	The Family in History	3-4
HIS 5200	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in US History	3
HIS 5251	History of Feminism	4
NE/GSW 3520	Women and Gender in Middle East History	3

Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Honors

Qualified students planning post-baccalaureate work in GSW or in a professional school are especially encouraged to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree 'With Honors in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies.' Honors majors must have a 3.5 g.p.a. in GSW courses and a 3.3 cumulative g.p.a. in all courses. Honors majors must complete at least fifteen credits in honors-designated coursework, including at least one 4000-level seminar offered through the Honors College; six additional credits in GSW honors courses, of which at least three credits must be in an upper-division (numbered 3000 or above) honors-option course; and GSW 5990 (Honors-designated Senior Project Seminar). For information about honors-designated coursework available each semester, visit the Honors College website (<http://www.honors.wayne.edu/classes.php>).