

Women's and Gender Studies

Interdisciplinary Minor

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Women's and Gender Studies, formerly Women's Studies, is an interdisciplinary minor within the College of Arts and Sciences. Courses address sexuality and the gendered dynamics of history, politics, society, literature and the arts, philosophy and theology, and health. The minor may be of interest to students pursuing careers in government, the justice system, education, social services, economic development, and the health professions.

Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

Requirements	Hours
Required Women's and Gender Studies courses	
WS 100 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	
Women's and Gender Studies Electives ¹	
Select five of the following:	15
ANTH 458 Human Sexuality	
ARH 483 Special Topics: Gender and the Visual Arts	
CMST 324 Gender in Communication	
EH 423 African Women's Literature	
EH 444 Women's Literature and Theory	
EH 467 Black Women Writers	
HY 208 Women in Film	
HY 274 LGBT History	
HY 279 Women Rogues, Radicals and Reformers	
HY 303 Women in American History	
HY 342 Sex & Latin American Society	
HY 374 LGBT History	
HY 379 Women Rogues, Radicals and Reformers	
HY 423 Southern Women: Image and Reality	
CJ 442 Race, Crime, and Social Policy	
CJ 443 Women and Crime	
PSC 316 Human Rights	
PSC 322 Gender, Politics, & Policy	
PSC 364 Gender in World Politics	
PSC 368 Women and War	
PSC 422 Gender, Politics, & Policy	
PY 108 Human Sexuality	
PY 417 Psychology of Gender and Sexuality	
PY 420 Special Topics in Psychology	
SOC 135 Introduction to Human Sexuality	
SOC 220 Gendered Lives: Sociology of Sex and Gender	

SOC 335	Sexuality in Social Context: Culture, Norms, and Identity
SOC 482	Gender and Health
SOC 490/ WS 480	Special Topics in Sociology
SW 207	Racism, Sexism and Other Isms
WS 280	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WS 380	Special Topics: Women's and Gender Studies
WS 400	Theory and Practice of Women's and Gender Studies: Senior Seminar
WS 480	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WS 491	Directed Studies in Women's and Gender Studies
WS 495	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies
Total Hours	15

¹ Or seek approval for those not listed.

The following is not a comprehensive list of courses; other courses can be considered for credit in the Women's and Gender Studies Program. For full descriptions of courses other than Women's and Gender Studies, refer to the appropriate department's course listings in this catalog. Note: Special topics courses with the same numerical designation may be repeated for credit. However, courses with the same content may not be repeated.

Grade & Residency Requirement

A C or better is required in all courses applied to the minor. At least half of the minor must be completed at UAB.

Courses

WS 100. Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies. 3 Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of roles of women in society through social, political, economic, philosophical, historical, and biological perspectives. Required for Women's and Gender Studies Minor. This course meets Blazer Core Communicating in the Modern World with a Flag in Justice.

WS 280. Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. 3 Hours.

Subjects of special interest, such as women and religion, women and war and theories of women's studies. Varies in content depending upon topic. Students may enroll under these numbers multiple times but topic may not be repeated.

WS 380. Special Topics: Women's and Gender Studies. 3 Hours.

Subjects of special interest, such as women and religion, women and war, and theories of women's and queer studies. Varies in content depending upon topic. Students may enroll under these numbers multiple times, but topic may not be repeated.

WS 400. Theory and Practice of Women's and Gender Studies: Senior Seminar. 3 Hours.

Everyday applications of feminist and queer theories. Required for the minor.

Prerequisites: WS 100 [Min Grade: D]

WS 480. Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. 1-3 Hour.

Subjects of special interest, such as women and religion, women and war, and theories of women's studies. Varies in content depending upon topic. Students may enroll under these numbers multiple times but topic may not be repeated.

WS 490. Directed Readings in Women's and Gender Studies. 1-3 Hour.

Independent study with faculty guidance of selected gender-related issues.

WS 491. Directed Studies in Women's and Gender Studies. 1-3 Hour.

Independent research with faculty guidance on selected gender-related issues.

WS 495. Internship in Women's and Gender Studies. 1-3 Hour.

Experience in community agency working with women or gender issues. Course requirements dependent upon number of credits student wishes to take.