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.

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Women's and Gender Studies Electives

Select five of the following: 15

- ANTH 357 Anthropology of Gender
- ANTH 458 Human Sexuality
- ARH 483 Special Topics: Gender and the Visual Arts
- CMST 324 Gender, Sex Similarities and Differences in Communication
- EH 423 African Women's Literature
- EH 444 Women's Literature and Theory
- EH 460 American Women Writers Before 1900
- 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, Gender and Social Policy
- CJ 443 Women and the Criminal Justice System
- 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
- PY 420 Special Topics in Psychology

Total Hours 15

1 Note: WS 100 may also be eligible to count toward Core Curriculum Area IV; check the Core Curriculum for your particular major.

2 Or seek approval for those not listed.

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 the Core Curriculum requirements for Area IV: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

**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.