Twin Cities Campus

Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies B.A.

Gender, Women and Sexuality

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2022
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 39 to 40
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The Department of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Minnesota is committed to an inclusive study of gender and sexuality, informed by differences such as class, ethnicity, citizenship, disability, race, and age. Our intellectual goals for students include learning from and engaging with interdisciplinary scholarship on gender, women, and sexuality; understanding the intersections among race, gender, class, and sexuality, both in the United States and globally; developing critical and analytical skills by bringing together the methods of a range of disciplines; enhancing research skills and creative talents and developing new ideas and theories about gender and sexuality that challenge assumptions and contribute to social change.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the liberal education requirements.Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper-division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies BA is GWSS.

At least 15 upper-division credits in the major must be taken at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Students may earn a BA or a minor in gender, women and sexuality studies, but not both. Students may not combine a gender, woman and sexuality studies BA or minor with the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender minor.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First-Year Experience course sequence.

All students must complete a capstone in at least one CLA major. The requirements for double majors completing the capstone in a different CLA major will be clearly stated. Students must also complete all major requirements in both majors to allow the additional capstone to be waived. Students completing an additional degree must complete the Capstone in each degree area.

Foundation Course

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling 3 - 4 credit(s) from the following:

- GWSS 1001 - Gender, Power, and Everyday Life (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 1002 - Politics of Sex [SOCS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 1004 - Screening Sex: Visual and Popular Culture [AH] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 1005 - Engaging Justice [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 1006 - Skin, Sex, and Genes [SOCS, TS] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 1003W - Women Write the World [LITR, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or ENGL 1003W - Women Write the World [LITR, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 1007 - Introduction to GLBT Studies [DSJ, SOCS] (3.0 cr)
  or GLBT 1001 - Introduction to GLBT Studies [DSJ, SOCS] (3.0 cr)

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Core Courses

Take exactly 2 course(s) totaling exactly 6 credit(s) from the following:

Thought and Theory

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- GWSS 3102W - Feminist Thought and Theory [AH, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3102V - Honors: Feminist Thought and Theory [AH, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)

•Methods

This course is a prerequisite to the Capstone. Students should complete this course within one year of completing their Capstone Project.

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- GWSS 4107 - Feminist Methods (3.0 cr)

Electives

Take exactly 8 course(s) totaling 24 or more credit(s) from the following:

3xxx-Level Courses

Take 0 - 5 course(s) from the following:

- GWSS 3003 - Gender and Global Politics [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3203W - Blood, Bodies and Science [TS, SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3208 - Transgender Health (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3215 - Bodies That Matter: Feminist Approaches to Disability Studies [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3301W - Women Writers [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3302 - Women and the Arts [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3306 - Pop Culture Women [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3307 - Feminist Film Studies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3415 - Feminist Perspectives on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
- GWSS 3994 - Directed Research (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
- CHIC 3212 - Chicana Feminism: La Chicana in Contemporary Society [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- HIST 3424 *{Inactive}*[GP, HIS] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5409 counts below as a 5xxx-level course
- GWSS 3002W - Gender, Race, and Class in the U.S. [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 3002V - Honors: Gender, Race and Class in the U.S. [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3303W - Writing Differences: Literature by U.S. Women of Color [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or AAS 3303W - Writing Differences: Literature by U.S. Women of Color [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or ENGL 3303W - Writing Differences: Literature by U.S. Women of Color [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 4303W counts below as a 4xxx-level course
- GWSS 3402 - Pleasure, Intimacy and Violence (3.0 cr)
  or AFRO 3402 - Pleasure, Intimacy and Violence (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3404 - Transnational Sexualities [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or GLBT 3404 - Transnational Sexualities [GP] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3406 - Gender, Labor, and Politics [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 3406H - Honors: Gender, Work, Labor [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3407 *{Inactive}*[HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3347 *{Inactive}*[HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3408 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3348 - Women and Gender in Modern America (3.0 - 4.0 cr)
- GWSS 3409W - Asian American Women's Cultural Production [AH, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or AAS 3409W - Asian American Women's Cultural Production [AH, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3501 - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Social Movements in the United States (3.0 cr)
  or GLBT 3301 - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Social Movements in the United States (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3502 - Transgender Studies Now [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or GLBT 3502 - Transgender Studies Now [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3505W - Girls, Girlhood, and Resistance [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 3505V - Girls, Girlhood, and Resistance [WI] (0.0 - 3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3549 - U.S. Women's Legal History [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3349 - U.S. Women's Legal History [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
  or GLOS 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3716 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
  or SOC 3681 - Gender and the Family in the Islamic World (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3515 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or CHIC 3412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)

•4xxx and 5xxx-Level Courses

Take 3 or more course(s) from the following:

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- AMIN 5409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4001 - Nations, Empires, Feminisms (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4002 - Politics of Engagement and Social Justice [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4003 - Science, Bodies, Technologies (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4303W - Writing Differences: Literature by U.S. Women of Color [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4980 - Directed Instruction (1.0 - 8.0 cr)
- GWSS 4993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
- GWSS 4994 - Directed Research (1.0 - 8.0 cr)
- GWSS 5190 - Topics: Theory, Knowledge, and Power (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 5290 - Topics: Biology, Health, and Environmental Studies (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 5390 - Topics: Visual, Cultural, and Literary Studies (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 5490 - Topics: Political Economy and Global Studies (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 5993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
- GWSS 5994 - Directed Instruction (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
- GWSS 5995 - Directed Research (1.0 - 8.0 cr)
- AMIN 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or AMST 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or ANTH 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or CHIC 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4103 - Transnational Feminist Theory [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 5104 - Transnational Feminist Theory (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4204 - Sex, Love, & Disability (3.0 cr)
  or GLBT 4204 - Sex, Love, & Disability (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4401 - Chicana/Latina Cultural Studies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or CHIC 4401 - Chicana/Latina Cultural Studies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4403 - Queering Theory (3.0 cr)
  or GLBT 4403 - Queering Theory (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 4406 - Black Feminist Thought in the American and African Diasporas (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 5406 - Black Feminist Thought in the American and African Diasporas (3.0 cr)
  or AFRO 4406 - Black Feminist Thought (3.0 cr)
  or AFRO 5406 - Black Feminist Thought (3.0 cr)

Capstone

In the capstone, students conduct independent research and writing in conjunction with a 3xxx-, 4xxx-, or 5xxx-level GWSS class. Students who double major within CLA and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies BA capstone, but they do need to replace the 6 credits with undergraduate GWSS coursework to reach the minimum credits required for the major.

Take exactly 2 course(s) totaling exactly 6 credit(s) from the following:

Capstone project

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- GWSS 4108 - Senior Capstone: Writing (3.0 cr)

with Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- GWSS 3xxx
- GWSS 4xxx
- GWSS 5xxx

Upper Division Writing Intensive within the major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

- GWSS 3203W - Blood, Bodies and Science [TS, SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3301W - Women Writers [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3002W - Gender, Race, and Class in the U.S. [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 3002V - Honors: Gender, Race and Class in the U.S. [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3102W - Feminist Thought and Theory [AH, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 3102V - Honors: Feminist Thought and Theory [AH, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3303W - Writing Differences: Literature by U.S. Women of Color [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 4303W - Writing Differences: Literature by U.S. Women of Color [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or AAS 3303W - Writing Differences: Literature by U.S. Women of Color [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or ENGL 3303W - Writing Differences: Literature by U.S. Women of Color [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3409W - Asian American Women's Cultural Production [AH, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or AAS 3409W - Asian American Women's Cultural Production [AH, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 3505W - Girls, Girlhood, and Resistance [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 3505V - Girls, Girlhood, and Resistance [WI] (0.0 - 3.0 cr)

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