



Duluth Campus

Women's Studies B.A.

Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

• **Students will no longer be accepted into this program after Fall 2014. Program requirements below are for current students only.**

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2014
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 42
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The mission of the department is to engage in teaching, research, and service activities devoted to examining the cultural, historical, social, political, and economic experiences and contributions of women of different races, ethnicities, nationalities, religions, classes, abilities, and sexual orientations in a global context; the many ways in which gender distinctions have affected human lives, as well as the construction and intersection of gender, race, and class; feminist scholarship; and critical and theoretical analyses and reflection upon these topics.

A wide variety of feminist perspectives and feminist criticisms are employed as methodologies in this interdisciplinary field. Academically, the department seeks to provide students with a solid background in knowledge about gender, race, class, and sexual orientation issues; feminist analysis; critical thinking; and oral and written communication, and actively engage students in the generation of new knowledge and areas of inquiry.

The department aims to prepare students for meaningful participation and contribution in an inclusive and diverse society, to be local, national, and global citizens, and to participate effectively and contribute meaningfully in a diverse workplace.

Finally, the department intends to provide a nurturing environment for the whole person - to help each student find her or his own strengths, gifts, and path, as well as to raise awareness about the way that path concerns and connects with others in local and global contexts.

Because women's studies is an interdisciplinary major that builds critical thinking, writing, communication, planning and analysis skills, students are able to easily add a second major or minor in another discipline with the guidance of their adviser that complements women's studies and further broadens career and academic opportunities.

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](#).

Required prerequisites

Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement. New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.

[UST 1000](#) - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the [Liberal Education Program](#).
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through

courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.

6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. A second field of study (either a minor or another major).
2. Advanced writing requirement: WRIT 31xx must be completed before taking WS 4000.
3. Only 3 credits from WS 3891 may be counted towards the WS major. Only 6 credits from WS 3897 may be counted towards the WS major. Students may apply no more than 9 credits total toward the WS major from the following courses: WS 3891, 3896, 3897, 5897, and 5991.

Women's Studies Core Courses (17 cr)

- WS 1000 - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies [LE CAT, LECD C, CULT D, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 2101 - Women, Race, and Class [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3000 - Transnational Perspectives on Feminism [SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3100 - Feminist Thought [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- WS 4000 - Seminar (4.0 cr)

Electives (21 cr)

Students have the option to apply a maximum of 12 credits from the 'WS related courses' area towards the overall 21 credits elective requirement.

Take at most 21 credit(s) from the following:

WS elective courses

Students must take at least 9 credits from WS within the 21 electives.

Take 9 or more credit(s) from the following:

- WS 3xxx
- WS 4xxx
- WS 5xxx

•WS related courses (optional)

Take at most 12 credit(s) from the following:

- AMIN 3450 - American Indian Women [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 3628 - Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 2815 *{Inactive}* [LE CAT9, LECD CAT09, FINE ARTS] (3.0 cr)
- BIOL 2763 *{Inactive}* [LE CAT5, LECD CAT05, NAT SCI, CDIVERSITY] (2.0 cr)
- CRIM 4323 - Women and Justice (3.0 cr)
- CST 1050 *{Inactive}* [LE CAT8] (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 3080 - Cultural Constructions of the Body (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 2581 *{Inactive}* [LE CAT, LECD C, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4302 - German Women Writers and Filmmakers [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2357 *{Inactive}* [LE CAT7, LECD CAT07] (4.0 cr)
- HLTH 3118 - Women's Health Issues (3.0 cr)
- POL 3040 - Women and Politics (3.0 cr)
- PSY 2223 - Gender in Society [LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3215 - Topics in Human Sexuality (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3540 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4925 - Sociology of Rape (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4947 - Sociology of Gender (3.0 cr)
- SW 5271 - Women and Social Policy (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

Advanced writing requirement must be completed before taking WS 4000.

WRIT 31xx