



Duluth Campus

Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies B.A.

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College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 39
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary field that includes the study of: 1) the experiences, conditions, and social realities of women of different races, ethnicities, nationalities, religions, classes, abilities, and sexual orientations in a global context; 2) the ways in which gender distinctions and the construction and intersection of gender, sexuality, race, and class have affected human lives, and 3) feminist scholarship.

Academically, the department seeks to provide students with a solid background in knowledge about gender, sexuality, race, class, and international 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.

Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies majors find meaningful work in a variety of fields, including work with non-profits, international agencies, peace and justice organizations, LGBTQ rights organizations, medicine and midwifery, public health, social work, education, law, business, and the arts.

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). Students majoring in WGSS and minoring in LGBTQ Studies must declare a third field of study (either another major or minor). This addresses the overlapping of courses across programs.
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 major. Only 6 credits from WS 3897 may be counted towards the major.
NOTE: Students may apply no more than 9 credits total toward the major from the following combination of courses: FORS 3574/WS 3896, WS 3891, 3897, 5897, and 5991.
4. Study abroad is encouraged for all students and the department makes every effort to facilitate such experiences.

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 3100 - Feminist Thought [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- WS 4000 - Seminar (4.0 cr)
- WS 3000 - Transnational Perspectives on Feminism [SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
or WS 3001 - Gender Relations in the Global South [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Electives (18 cr)

Most WS 3xxx-5xxx courses may apply here. Students must take at least 12 credits from WS within the 18 electives. Students may apply two courses from the "related courses (optional)" area towards this requirement. NOTE: Students may apply no more than 9 credits total toward the major from the following combination of courses: FORS 3574/WS 3896, WS 3891, 3897, 5897, and 5991.

Take 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

- WS 3002 - Latin American Women: Culture and Politics (3.0 cr)
- WS 3150 - Women-Identified Culture [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3200 - Women's Autobiographies [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3250 *{Inactive}* [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3300 - Women and Spirituality [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3350 - Women and the Law [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3400 - Women and Film [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3595 - Special Topics: (Various Titles to be Assigned) (3.0 cr)
- WS 3600 - Ecofeminism: Theories and Sustainable Practices [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3700 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- WS 3750 - Voices of African Women [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3775 - Gender, Globalization and Food [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3800 - Feminist Activism and Community Organizing (4.0 cr)
- WS 5595 - Special Topics: (Various Titles to Be Assigned) (3.0 cr)
- Take 0 - 3 credit(s) from the following:
 - WS 3891 - Independent Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:
 - WS 3897 - Internship (1.0 - 9.0 cr)
- Take 0 - 9 credit(s) from the following:
 - FORS 3574 - WS 3896 International Fieldwork in Women's Studies (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
 - WS 3891 - Independent Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
 - WS 3897 - Internship (1.0 - 9.0 cr)
 - WS 5897 - Teaching Internship (1.0 - 2.0 cr)
 - WS 5991 - Independent Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

Related Courses (optional)

Most LGBT 3xxx courses apply here.

Take no more than 2 course(s) from the following:

- AMIN 3450 - American Indian Women [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 3080 - Cultural Constructions of the Body (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 3628 - Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 2815 *{Inactive}* [LE CAT9, LECD CAT09, FINE ARTS] (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 3140 - Women in Art/Visual Culture in Latin America (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 4323 - Women and Justice (3.0 cr)
- ENGL 2581 *{Inactive}* [LE CAT, LECD C, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- HLTH 3118 - Women's Health Issues (3.0 cr)
- LGBT 3000 - Queer Theory (3.0 cr)
- LGBT 3151 - Queer Cinema in International Perspective [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)



- [LGBT 3152](#) - History of the International Homosexual Rights Movement (1895 - present) [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- [LGBT 3153](#) - Queer Media [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- [POL 3040](#) - Women and Politics (3.0 cr)
- [PSY 3215](#) - Topics in Human Sexuality (3.0 cr)
- [SOC 4925](#) - Sociology of Rape (3.0 cr)
- [SOC 4947](#) - Sociology of Gender (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

Advanced writing requirement must be completed before taking WS 4000.

WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)