



Twin Cities Campus

Feminist Studies M.A.

Gender, Women and Sexuality

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Length of program in credits: 34
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Note: The MA is available only to students admitted to the feminist studies PhD program who wish to secure a Plan B MA along the way to obtaining a PhD. This credential is helpful for ABD employment purposes or for students who must exit the program. It is similar to the PhD milestones but does not require a dissertation.

The PhD program in feminist studies is designed to help students develop a high level of competence in feminist theories, research methods, interdisciplinarity, and pedagogies. The program is especially strong on feminist theory and issues related to women's diversity, nationally and globally. To guarantee a high level of interdisciplinary exchange, the program is designed to bring feminist studies doctoral students together with graduate minor students who are pursuing a disciplinary specialty in their own home department. The program's interdisciplinary curriculum emphasizes the interaction of social conditions such as class, ethnicity, race, sexualities, and national identity with gender. These interactions and their effects are examined in cultural productions such as media representations or colonialist paradigms in social systems and relations of power; in aspects of science such as genetics and new technologies; in epistemologies and philosophy; in professional areas such as health care to public policy; and in social, political, and environmental justice studies.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Prerequisites for Admission

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
 - Final score: 80

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan B: Plan B requires 28 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is written and oral.



This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.50 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 4 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Required Core Courses and Colloquia

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[GWSS 8108](#) - Genealogies of Feminist Theory (3.0 cr)

[GWSS 8109](#) - Feminist Knowledge Production (3.0 cr)

[GWSS 8103](#) - Feminist Theories of Knowledge (3.0 cr)

Colloquia Credits

Take 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [GWSS 8996](#) - Feminist Studies Colloquium (1.0 cr)

GWSS Seminars

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [GWSS 8210](#) - Seminar: Feminist Theory & Praxis (3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 8220](#) - Seminar: Science, Technology & Environmental Justice (3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 8230](#) - Seminar: Cultural Criticism and Media Studies (3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 8490](#) - Seminar: Transnational, Postcolonial, Diaspora (3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 8250](#) - Seminar: Nation, State, and Citizenship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 8260](#) - Seminar: Race, Representation and Resistance (3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 8270](#) - Seminar: Theories of Body (3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 8103](#) - Feminist Theories of Knowledge (3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 5104](#) - Transnational Feminist Theory (3.0 cr)
- [GWSS 5406](#) - Black Feminist Thought in the American and African Diasporas (3.0 cr)

Research Methods & Tools

Take at least 6 research methods & tools credits from the list below, or chosen in consultation with the director of graduate studies. Up to 6 of these credits can be applied to the 6-credit requirement for outside coursework.

Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:

- [GWSS 8201](#) - Feminist Theory and Methods in the Social Sciences (3.0 cr)

GWSS Electives

Take additional GWSS courses as necessary to meet the 28-credit minimum for the major.

Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:

- GWSS 5xxx
- GWSS 8xxx

Outside Coursework

Take at least 6 credits outside the major.