

Women's Studies Program

Department: Sociology/History

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Women's Studies Individualized Minor

Students can minor in Women's Studies by proposing a personalized 15-credit hour plan. This plan includes WST 101 (required), Introduction to Women's Studies, and courses and coursework in other disciplines that focus on issues of relevance to women's studies (e.g., Women and Leadership, Women Photojournalists). Upon approval and completion of the proposed individualized plan, the minor appears on the student's transcript.

A journalism major with an interest in women's studies *might* propose the following:

WST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies (4 hours)

WST/SOC 319 Gender and Sexualities (4 hours)

WST/MMJ 490 Independent Study/Advertising to the Woman (1 -2 hours)

PLUS: 5-6 hours in other Journalism courses where work focuses on women/gender

Women's Studies Course Descriptions

WST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies			4 credit hours
Spring, even academic years	Comparative exploratory	Perspectives	

An overview of major issues raised by the range of women's situations and experiences in societies. An examination of analytical perspectives that feminists in a variety of disciplines use to explore these issues.

WST 236 Gender and Sexuality in Literature			4 credit hours
Fall, even academic years	Comparative exploratory	Perspectives	Prereq or Co-req: LA 101

Reading and analysis of selected works through the lens of gender and sexuality. Same as ENG 236.

WST 300 Topics in Women's Studies			3 credit hours

A topic of current interest in women's studies will be taught. Topics will vary according to faculty interest. Course will be offered upon request of a faculty member and with approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the director of women's studies.

WST/SOC 319 Gender and Sexualities			4 credit hours
Fall, even academic years			Prereq: SOC 118

This course provides an overview of theoretical and empirical work in the sociology of sex, gender, and sexuality. The course will also address various facets of the subject including ways that social, cultural, and legal status influence individual experiences and outcomes. Attention is paid to the social construction/control of gender, transgender, and multiple sexualities. Same as SOC 319.

WST/HIS 332 History of Women in the United States			4 credit hours
Spring, odd years	Comparative exploratory	Perspectives	Prereq: HIS 120 or HIS 121 or WST 101 or consent of instructor

This course will examine women's experiences in the United States from the colonial era through recent decades. Same as HIS 332.