Major in Women's and Gender Studies

Women's and Gender Studies majors are required to complete 39 units with a grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher from among the following courses.

Required Courses (6 Units)
WMST 337 FEMINIST THEORY 3
Select one of the following:
WMST 231 WOMEN IN PERSPECTIVE 3
WMST 232 HONORS WOMEN IN PERSPECTIVE
WMST 233 INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES OF WOMEN

Required Cumulating Experience (3 Units)
WMST 485 SEMINAR IN WOMEN’S STUDIES 3

Focus Area (12 Units)
Select a focus area from the four listed below (6 units must be WMST courses)

Distribution Requirement (18 Units)
Select six units in each of the remaining three focus areas other than the one selected

Total Units 39

FOCUS AREAS

Women, Gender, Culture and Creativity (12 Units)
Select four of the following:
WMST 235 AMERICAN WOMEN AND POPULAR CULTURE
WMST 332 WOMEN’S CULTURE AND CREATIVITY
WMST 333 WOMEN’S WORDS, WOMEN’S LIVES
WMST 370 TOPICS IN WOMEN’S STUDIES (Women’s Spiritual Practices)
WMST 370 TOPICS IN WOMEN’S STUDIES (Masculinity in Perspective)
WMST 381 THE EROTIC IMAGINATION IN CHRISTIANITY AND HINDUISM
WMST 382 CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS
AFST 411 TOPICS IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (Womanism and Black Feminist Thought)
CLST 303 IDENTITY AND CULTURE (Gender and Media in Global Perspective)
ANTH 321 ANTHROPOLOGY OF GENDER
ANTH 353 LATINAS IN THE AMERICAS
ENGL 347 WORLD LITERATURE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH (African Women Writers)
ENGL 471 TOPICS IN WORLD LITERATURE (African American Writers)
ENGL 471 TOPICS IN WORLD LITERATURE (Black Women Writers)
ENGL 477 TOPICS IN BLACK AMERICAN LITERATURE (African American Women Writers)
HIST 306 WOMEN IN 20TH CENTURY U.S. HISTORY
MUSC 205 WOMEN, GENDER, AND MUSIC
PHIL 204 RACE, CLASS AND GENDER
PHIL 260 PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
PHIL 332 FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY
SPAN 455 HISPANIC POPULAR CULTURES (Mexican Cultural Symbols: La Malinche, La Virgen de Guadalupe and La Llorona)
SPAN 474 SPECIAL TOPICS IN SPANISH (Latin American Women Writers)

Women, Gender, Diversity and Global Contexts (12 Units)
Select four of the following:
WMST 233 INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES OF WOMEN
WMST 350 B-MORE: BALTIMORE AND URBAN COMMUNITIES
WMST 370 TOPICS IN WOMEN’S STUDIES (Women’s Spiritual Practices)
WMST 370 TOPICS IN WOMEN’S STUDIES (Women of Color)
WMST 370 TOPICS IN WOMEN’S STUDIES (Masculinities in Perspective)
WMST 345 WOMEN, ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH
WMST 381 THE EROTIC IMAGINATION IN CHRISTIANITY AND HINDUISM
WMST 382 CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS
AFST 411 TOPICS IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (Womanism and Black Feminist Thought)
CLST 303 IDENTITY AND CULTURE (Gender and Media in Global Perspective)
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ENGL 471 TOPICS IN WORLD LITERATURE (Black Women Writers)
ENGL 477 TOPICS IN BLACK AMERICAN LITERATURE (African American Women Writers)
HIST 361 GAYS & LESBIANS IN U.S. HISTORY
HIST 484 HISTORICAL THEMES (African American Women in History)
LGBT 101 INTRODUCTION TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER STUDIES
RLST 206 WOMEN IN WORLD RELIGIONS
PHIL 260 PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
PSYC 449 PSYCHOLOGY OF LESBIAN CULTURE
PSYC 457 GENDER IDENTITY IN TRANSITION
SOCl 243 SOCIOLOGY OF RACE, CLASS AND GENDER
SPAN 455 HISPANIC POPULAR CULTURES (Mexican American Cultural Symbols: La Malinche, La Virgen de Guadalupe and La Llorona)
SPAN 474 SPECIAL TOPICS IN SPANISH (Latin American Women Writers)

Women, Gender, Health and Sexuality (12 Units)
Select four of the following:
WMST 235 AMERICAN WOMEN AND POPULAR CULTURE
WMST 336 WOMEN AND MEDICINE
Women, Gender, Leadership and Community (12 Units)

Select four of the following:

- WMST 335 WOMEN, WORK, AND FAMILY
- WMST 336 WOMEN AND MEDICINE
- WMST 345 WOMEN, ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH
- WMST 350 B-MORE: BALTIMORE AND URBAN COMMUNITIES
- WMST 370 TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (Women's Spiritual Practices)
- WMST 370 TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (Masculinity in Perspective)
- WMST 381 THE EROTIC IMAGINATION IN CHRISTIANITY AND HINDUISM
- WMST 382 CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS
- AFST 411 TOPICS IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
- ECON 374 ECONOMIC ISSUES OF GENDER
- FMST 350 FUNDAMENTALS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR
- HIST 306 WOMEN IN 20TH CENTURY U.S. HISTORY
- HIST 361 GAYS & LESBIANS IN U.S. HISTORY
- PHIL 260 PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
- POSC 340 COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY
- POSC 47X Women, Public Policy and Social Change
- POSC 481 SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
- SOCI 243 SOCIOLOGY OF RACE, CLASS AND GENDER
- CRMJ 307 ISSUES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- SOCI 312 SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER
- CRMJ 348 WOMEN AND CRIME
- SOCI 362 WORK AND OCCUPATIONS
- SOCI 365 ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETY

* These courses are offered very infrequently. For information on these or any other courses, contact the chair of Women’s Studies or the department offering the course.

SUGGESTED FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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1. Shows ability to use feminist methodologies and theories to analyze women's experience
2. Demonstrates an understanding of the social forces that construct and constrain gender identity
3. Shows the ability to apply gender as an analytical category in order to critique cultural and social institutions
4. Shows understanding of the authority of women's experiences and in women as perceivers and knowers
5. Shows an ability to examine commonalities and diversity among women, across and within culture