The graduate certificate in Women and Gender Studies offers CU Boulder graduate students a cutting-edge, interdisciplinary education in gender and sexuality studies. It provides a thorough grounding in feminist theories, queer theories, and/or feminist methodology, as well as the opportunity to explore diverse special topics in gender and sexuality studies. The graduate certificate is designed to train graduate students from a wide range of CU Boulder departments and programs to conduct interdisciplinary research in gender and sexuality studies. On a practical level, the certificate has proven especially useful to graduate students seeking to demonstrate their expertise in gender and sexuality studies to prospective employers in academia, government and the private sector.

Course code for this program is WGST.

Master’s Degree

- Gender and Sexuality Studies - Master of Arts (MA) (https://catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/women-gender-studies/gender-sexuality-studies-master-arts-ma/)

Certificate

- Women and Gender Studies - Graduate Certificate (https://catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/women-gender-studies/women-gender-studies-graduate-certificate/)

Faculty

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member’s home department.

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Courses

WGST 5001 (3) Advanced Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (AH)
Provides and advanced interdisciplinary course organized around a specific issue in the social sciences relating to gender and sexuality.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 4001
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Recommended: Prerequisite WGST 2000 or WGST 2600.

WGST 5002 (3) Advanced Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (SS)
Provides an advanced interdisciplinary course organized around a specific issue in the arts and humanities relating to gender and sexuality.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 5002
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Recommended: Prerequisite WGST 2000 or WGST 2600.

WGST 5200 (3) Religion and Reproductive Politics in the United States
Focuses primarily on how Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish conversations about sexuality and reproduction have shaped access and attitudes towards reproductive health in the US over the course of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 4200, JWST 4200, JWST 5200

WGST 5400 (3) Critical Inquiries in Transgender Studies
Examines theories, methods and debates in the emerging field of transgender studies. Drawing on interdisciplinary perspectives, examines transgender identities, communities and political movements in different historical and cultural contexts. Focuses on crosscutting issues that shape transgender subjectivities, with special attention given to how transgender movements negotiate race, class, sexuality, labor, culture and nation.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 4400 and LGBT 4400 and LGBT 5400
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Departmental Category: LGBT Studies

WGST 6090 (3) Feminist Theories
Explores how feminist theorists have understood gender and how it interrelates to our understandings of race, ethnicity, sexuality, embodiment and knowledge. Meets the requirements for the WGST certificate.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
WGST 6190 (3) Feminist Methodology
Explores feminist methodology across a range of disciplines. Themes include experience and interpretation, the social position of the researcher, language and argument structure, knowledge and power, bias and objectivity, and the ethics and politics of research. Meets the requirements for the WGST certificate.
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students only.

WGST 6290 (3) Special Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies
Offers interdisciplinary feminist perspectives on different special topics such as gender and war, gender and globalization, women's social movements, gender and citizenship, gender and collective memory, and cultural representations of gender and sexuality. Meets the requirements for the WGST certificate.
**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students only.

WGST 6796 (3) Queer Theories
Explores key concepts and debates in the field of queer theory with an interdisciplinary focus on crosscutting issues (aesthetic, cultural, legal, medical, political and social) that shape queer subjectivities, practices and relations.
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students only.

WGST 6840 (1-3) Independent Study
Provides course credit for a directed research project or reading program in women and gender studies, supervised by a WGST faculty member and approved by the WGST graduate director. Requires an independent study approval agreement form completed by the student and signed by the faculty advisor.
**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students only.