

# WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

The Department of Women and Gender Studies offers two graduate programs: a Master of Arts in Gender and Sexuality Studies and a graduate certificate in Women and Gender Studies. Our graduate programs engage students in an interdisciplinary education using a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches across the humanities and the social sciences to examine gender and sexuality through intersectional, decolonial, transnational, and social transformation frameworks. Our faculty's dedication to teaching and mentorship ensures that students receive a transformative education, providing preparation for work in academia and for careers in a wide range of related fields.

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

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## Courses

### WGST 5001 (3) Advanced Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (AH)

Provides an 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 in Gender and Sexuality Studies**

Provides course credit for an independent directed research project or advanced reading program on an area of concentration within gender and sexuality studies. Requires an independent study agreement form completed by the student in collaboration with a WGST faculty advisor and signed by the faculty advisor. Requires approval by WGST graduate studies director.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students only.

**WGST 6949 (1) Master's Candidate for Degree**

Registration intended for students preparing for a thesis defense, final examination, culminating activity, or completion of degree.

**Requisites:** Restricted to Master of Arts in Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate students only. (GSXS-MA)

**WGST 6959 (1-6) Master's Thesis in Gender and Sexuality Studies**

Registration intended for students conducting a project of original research that culminates in a master's level thesis and oral defense. Required of every master's degree candidate under the thesis plan of study option.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

**Requisites:** Restricted to Master of Arts in Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate students only. (GSXS-MA)

**WGST 6969 (1-6) Master's Practicum in Gender and Sexuality Studies**

Registration intended for students conducting paid or unpaid work at an agency, organization, or project relevant to gender and sexuality studies that culminates in a paper detailing and analyzing the work achieved and an oral defense. Required of every master's degree candidate under the practicum plan of study option.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

**Requisites:** Restricted to Master of Arts in Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate students only. (GSXS-MA)