

# WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The interdisciplinary women and gender studies undergraduate major and minor offer students a rigorous and flexible program of study that examines women, gender and sexuality in relation to race, class, ability, nation and empire, among other variables. Students explore how gender and sexuality intersect with structures of power in a range of cultural, historical and geopolitical contexts. Drawing from approximately 50 courses, many cross-listed with other academic units, students fulfill the requirements of the major or minor and can design an emphasis relevant to their interests by focusing on one of three cognate areas: 1) gender/sexuality, 2) race/ethnicity and 3) global/transnational.

## Requirements

### Program Requirements

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below.

Students must complete a minimum of 33 credit hours with grades of C- or better in approved women and gender studies courses, a minimum of 24 credit hours of which must be upper-division (3000- or 4000-level). No more than 45 credits in WGST may be applied to overall graduation requirements. Students must have a grade point average of at least 2.000 in the major in order to graduate.

### Required Courses and Credits

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
WGST 2000	Introduction to US Gender, Race and Sexuality Studies	3
or WGST 2600	Introduction to Global Gender, Race and Sexuality Studies	
WGST 3020	Feminist Methods of Inquiry and Praxis	3
WGST 3100	Feminist Theories	3
WGST 4800	Senior Colloquium in Feminist Studies	3
<b>Cognate Areas</b>		
At least three courses, one from each of the three cognate areas (see below)		9
<b>Electives <sup>1</sup></b>		
Two upper-division approved WGST elective courses (those listed under upper-division electives or cognate areas below)		6
Two additional lower- or upper-division approved WGST elective courses (see below)		6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

<sup>1</sup> Internships and independent study credit hours may apply, as well as special topics courses (WGST 3701, WGST 3702, WGST 3711, WGST 3712, WGST 4001 and WGST 4002); see advisor or department for more information.

### Cognate Areas

Students must take three courses (for a total of 9 credit hours), one each from the three following cognate areas. Select topics offerings of special

topics courses may apply to cognate areas; see advisor or department for more information.

### Gender/Sexuality Cognate Area

Code	Title	Credit Hours
At least one course (3 credit hours) from the gender/sexuality cognate area		3
ETHN 4001	Screening Race, Class & Gender in the U.S. and the Global Borderland (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
LGBT/ENGL 3796	Queer Theory	
RUSS 4251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture	
WGST/SOCY 3046	Topics in Sex and Gender	
WGST 3250	Disney's Women and Girls	
WGST 3300/ PSCI 3301	Gender, Sexuality and U.S. Law	
WGST/ETHN/ SOCY 3314	Violence Against Women and Girls	
WGST 3510	Gender, Sexuality and Global Health (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
WGST 3520	Gender and Sexuality in Africa (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
WGST/ENGL 3767	Feminist Fictions (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
WGST 4010/ SOCY 4000	Gender, Genocide and Mass Trauma (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
WGST/SOCY 4016	Sex, Gender and Society 2	
WGST/LGBT/ ENGL 4287	Special Topics in Queer Literature	
WGST/LGBT 4400	Critical Inquiries in Transgender Studies	
WGST/HIST 4620	A Global History of Sexuality: The Modern Era (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
WGST/HIST 4636	Lesbian and Gay History: Culture and Politics and Social Change in the U.S.	

### Race/Ethnicity Cognate Area

Code	Title	Credit Hours
At least one course (3 credit hours) from the race/ethnicity cognate area		3
DNCE 4017	Dancing Histories: Sex, Gender and Race in U.S. Concert Dance	
ETHN 3026	Women of Color: Chicanas in U.S. Society	
WGST/ETHN/ SOCY 3044	Race, Class, Gender, and Crime	
WGST 3135/ ETHN 3136	Chicana Feminisms and Knowledges	
WGST 3210/ ETHN 3213	American Indian Women	
WGST/PSCI 3311	Gender and U.S. Politics: Protest, Polls and Policy	

WGST 3505	Historical and Contemporary Issues of African American Women
WGST 3600	Latina/x Studies
WGST 3610	Gender, Race, Science and Technology
WGST 3620	Women of Color and Activism
WGST 3640	Black Feminist and Womanist Theories
WGST 3650/ PSCI 3052	Gender and Politics in Latin America (may count for global/transnational or race/ethnicity, but not both)
WGST 4100	Gender and Indigeneity in Literature and Films of the Americas (may count for global/transnational or race/ethnicity, but not both)
WGST/GRMN 4301	Gender, Race and Immigration in Germany and Europe (may count for global/transnational or race/ethnicity, but not both)
WGST/MDST 4331	Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality in Popular Culture
WGST/HIST 4619	Women in East Asian History

**Global/Transnational Cognate Area**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
At least one course (3 credit hours) from the global/transnational cognate area		3
ANTH 3180	Gender, Culture, and Sexuality	
ETHN 4001	Screening Race, Class & Gender in the U.S. and the Global Borderland (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
SOCY 4132	Gender, Islam and Modernity	
WGST/SOCY 3012	Gender and Development	
WGST 3220	Women in Islam	
WGST/ARAB 3410	Gender, Sexuality and Culture in the Modern Middle East	
WGST 3500	Global Gender Issues	
WGST 3510	Gender, Sexuality and Global Health (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
WGST 3520	Gender and Sexuality in Africa (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
WGST 3650/ PSCI 3052	Gender and Politics in Latin America	
WGST 3670	Gender, Race, Sexuality and Global Migration	
WGST/GEOG 3672	Who Runs the World? Sex, Power, and Gender in Geography	
WGST/ENGL 3767	Feminist Fictions (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	
WGST 4010/ SOCY 4000	Gender, Genocide and Mass Trauma (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)	

WGST 4100	Gender and Indigeneity in Literature and Films of the Americas (may count for global/transnational or race/ethnicity, but not both)
WGST 4300	Sex, Power, Politics: International Perspectives
WGST/GRMN 4301	Gender, Race and Immigration in Germany and Europe (may count for global/transnational or race/ethnicity, but not both)
WGST 4500/ PSCI 4391	Gender Politics and Global Activism
WGST/HIST 4620	A Global History of Sexuality: The Modern Era (may count for gender/sexuality or global/transnational, but not both)

**Lower-Division Electives**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
No more than 6 credit hours of lower-division electives		0-6
LING 2400	Language, Gender and Sexuality	
LGBT/ENGL 2707	Introduction to Queer Literature	
WGST/SOCY 1006 or WGST 1016 or SOCY 1016	The Social Construction of Sexuality Sex, Gender, and Society 1 Sex, Gender, and Society 1	
WGST/ENGL 1250 or WGST 1270 or ENGL 1270	Introduction to World Literature by Women Introduction to American Literature by Women Introduction to American Literature by Women	
WGST 2020	Femininities, Masculinities, Alternatives	
WGST 2030/ LGBT 2000	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
WGST 2050	Gender, Sexuality, and Popular Culture	
WGST/CLAS 2100	Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Greece	
WGST/CLAS 2110	Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Rome	
WGST 2200	Women, Gender, Literature, and the Arts	
WGST/PHIL 2290	Philosophy and Gender	
WGST 2500	Gender, Race, Sex and the Body	
WGST/PSYC 2700	Psychology of Gender and Sexuality	
WGST/RLST 2800	Women and Religion	

**Upper-Division Electives**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select additional courses from the three cognate areas above or from the following upper-division electives below, total credits toward the degree must equal 33 credit hours		6-12
ARTH 3209	Art, Culture, and Gender Diversity, 1400–1600: Renaissance Art Out of the Canon	
CINE 3013	Women and Film	
COMM 3420	Gender and Communication	
ENGL 3217	Topics in Gender and Sexuality	
ITAL 4730	Italian Feminisms: Culture, Theory, and Narratives of Difference	

PSYC 4553	Women's Mental Health: A Biopsychosocial Approach
WGST/SOCY 3016	Marriage and the Family in the United States
WGST/PHIL 3110	Feminist Practical Ethics
WGST/PSCI 3174	Sex, Power, and Politics: U.S. Perspectives
WGST/JWST 3200	Religion and Feminist Thought
WGST 3201/ JWST 3202/RLST 3202	Women, Gender & Sexuality in Jewish Texts & Traditions
WGST/ENGL 3267	Women Writers
WGST/INVS 3302	Facilitating Peaceful Community Change
WGST 3400	Gender, Personality, and Culture
WGST/GRMN 3601	German Women Writers
WGST/RLST 3750	Women in Buddhism
WGST 3800	Advanced Writing in Feminist Studies
WGST/THTR 4073	Performing Voices of Women
WGST/SOCY 4086	Family and Society
WGST/JWST 4200	Religion and Reproductive Politics in the United States
WGST/ENGL 4277	Special Topics in Women Writers
WGST/RUSS 4471	Women in 20th-21st Century Russian, East European and Eurasian Cultures
WGST/HIST 4616	History of Gender and Sexuality in the United States to 1870
WGST/HIST 4626	History of Gender and Sexuality in the United States from 1870
WGST/HIST 4640	Women, Gender and War
WGST/RLST 4850	Gender in Hagiography

### Honors

Students may take up to 6 credit hours of honors in women and gender studies; credit hours apply to upper-division electives in the major.

For more information about pursuing departmental honors, visit the department honors (<http://www.colorado.edu/wgst/students/undergraduates/wgst-honors-program/>) webpage and the main Honors Program (<http://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation/>) webpage describing qualifications, requirements and deadlines.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
WGST 4950	Honors Research	3
WGST 4999	Senior Honors Thesis	1-3

### Internship

Students may take up to 6 credit hours of internship in women and gender studies; credit hours apply to upper-division electives in the major. See advisor or department for more information.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
WGST 3930	Women and Gender Studies Internship	1-6

### Special Topics

Students may take up to 6 credit hours in WGST topics courses; course topics vary each semester. Ask the women and gender studies advisor

or department about how each course applies to major cognate area requirements, if applicable.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
WGST 3701	Topics in U.S. Gender and Sexuality Studies (AH)	3
WGST 3702	Topics in U.S. Gender and Sexuality Studies (SS)	3
WGST 3711	Topics in Global Gender and Sexuality Studies (AH)	3
WGST 3712	Topics in Global Gender and Sexuality Studies (SS)	3
WGST 4001	Advanced Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (AH)	3
WGST 4002	Advanced Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (SS)	3

## Graduating in Four Years

Consult the Four-Year Guarantee Requirements for more information on eligibility. The concept of "adequate progress" as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major. To maintain adequate progress in women and gender studies, students should meet the following requirements:

- By the beginning of the second semester, declare the major.
- By the end of the fourth semester, complete WGST 2000 or WGST 2600, WGST 3020 and 9 additional credit hours of major requirements.
- By the end of the sixth semester, complete WGST 3100 and 6 additional credit hours of major requirements (24 credit hours total of the major requirements completed).
- During the seventh and eighth semester, complete WGST 4800 and 6 additional credit hours of the major requirements.

Students should consult with their advisor for specific recommendations. The following sample plan will outline the major requirements, but the order of some classes can vary greatly. It is important for students to check the degree audit and work with the major advisor each semester to make sure of the requirements and graduation timeline.

## Four-Year Plan of Study

Through the required coursework for the major, students will complete 9 credit hours of the Social Sciences area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement and both the US Perspective and Global Perspective categories of the Gen Ed Diversity Requirement. Depending on other courses taken for the major, students could easily complete the remaining 3 credit hours in the Social Sciences area and much of the Arts and Humanities area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement.

### Year One

Fall Semester		Credit Hours
WGST 2000 or WGST 2600	Introduction to US Gender, Race and Sexuality Studies or Introduction to Global Gender, Race and Sexuality Studies	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences with Lab)		4

Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication)	3
Elective/MAPS	3
Elective/MAPS	3

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
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**Spring Semester**

WGST Lower-division elective	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Arts & Humanities/Global Perspective)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
Elective/MAPS	3
Elective	3

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
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**Year Two****Fall Semester**

WGST 3020	Feminist Methods of Inquiry and Praxis	3
WGST Lower- or upper- division elective		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (QRMS)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Elective		3

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
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**Spring Semester**

WGST Cognate area requirement or upper-division elective (one course from each of three cognate areas required)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Arts & Humanities)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
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**Year Three****Fall Semester**

WGST Cognate area requirement or upper-division elective (one course from each of three cognate areas required)		3
WGST 3800	Advanced Writing in Feminist Studies (not required, but fulfills Gen. Ed. Skills: Upper-division Written Communication and WGST Elective)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Arts & Humanities)		3
Elective		3
Elective		3

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
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**Spring Semester**

WGST 3100	Feminist Theories	3
WGST Cognate area requirement or upper-division elective (one course from each of three cognate areas required)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Elective (Upper Division)		3
Elective		3

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
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**Year Four****Fall Semester**

WGST Cognate area requirement or upper-division elective (one course from each of three cognate areas required)	3
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Elective or Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Arts & Humanities, if needed)	3
Elective (Upper Division)	3
Elective (Upper Division)	3
Elective or Upper-division Elective (if needed)	3

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
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**Spring Semester**

WGST 4800	Senior Colloquium in Feminist Studies	3
WGST Cognate area requirement or upper-division elective (one course from each of three cognate areas required)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences, if needed)		3
Elective (Upper Division)		3
Elective (Upper Division)		3

<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>121</b>
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## Knowledge

Students will be able to:

- Analyze how power and privilege function at the intersection of gender, sexuality, race, class, ability, nationality and colonialism
- Think critically about the historical and global variability of social norms of gender and sexuality
- Identify the varying forms of feminism across the globe, and the relationships between feminism and other movements for social justice

## Practical Skills

Students completing their degree with the Department of Women and Gender Studies are expected to acquire the ability and skills to:

- Analyze a range of social events, structures and movements using intersectional and decolonial feminist theories
- Communicate complex ideas from the field of women and gender studies to academic and general audiences
- Work collaboratively to implement and organize around a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives used in women, gender, and sexuality studies