

LSU Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Program Overview

Program Description

Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary program that examines the multiple roles gender plays in everyday life, the impacts of gendered practices on social, cultural, and political behavior and thought, and the intersections of gender, race, sexuality, ability, age, and class.

By examining issues of gender, WGSS courses provide fresh perspectives on social, aesthetic, economic, and political issues. WGSS supports interdisciplinary research and provides students with an understanding of the impact of gendered practices on social and cultural behavior and thought and a theoretical foundation for analyzing and responding to these gendered practices and their outcomes.

Students in WGSS are prepared for future employment and graduate work through the development of critical and analytical thinking skills, oral and written communication skills, and research skills. As an interdisciplinary program, WGSS draws on the insights of multiple disciplines teaching students to think creatively across multiple perspectives developing creative problem-solving abilities. An emphasis on diversity teaches students to think about ways to meet the needs and address the concerns of multiple groups in society. Students in WGSS go on to careers in multiple fields including law, education, social work, health, mass communications, and many more. The WGSS concentration and minors serves as an ideal complement to many majors and minors.

Program Snapshot:

Undergraduate Concentration

Students are required to major in Liberal Arts and concentrate in WGSS. This means students are allowed more interdisciplinary freedom when selecting their academic paths. Most students who concentrate in WGSS decide to earn a double major because of the program's interdisciplinary nature. **(36 hours of course work)**

Undergraduate Minor

As a student pursuing an undergraduate minor in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, you will be required to complete WGS 2500, "Introduction to Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies" (3 Credit Hours) WGS 4500, "Special Topics in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies" (3 Credit Hours) You must also complete 12 hours of electives, at least 9 hours of which must be at the 3000 level or above. **(18 hours of coursework)**

Graduate Minor

Open to students currently enrolled in Master's or Doctorate programs. Students minoring in WGSS must complete course work including 6 hours at the 7000 level (choose two of these three: WGS 7150, WGS 7500 and WGS 7900) and 6 hours in WGSS. **(12 hours of coursework)**

Future career fields:

Research	Psychology	Writing, Editing & Reporting
Arts & Media Education	Social Work	Business
Human Services	Library Services	Education
Medicine and Health Care	Law & Government	Administrative Work
	Political Action Organizers	

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Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Course Offerings

Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Courses

WGS 2200 Popular Culture and Gender
WGS 2300 Gender and Health
WGS 2500 Introduction to WGS
WGS 2501 Honors Introduction to WGS
WGS 2900 Gender, Race, and Nation
WGS 3150 Survey of Feminist Theory
WGS 3600 Women and Leadership
WGS 4028 Gender & American Politics
WGS/ANTH/GEOG 4087 Gender, Place & Culture
WGS 4500 Special Topics in WGS (up to 6 hours)
WGS 4541 Gender and the Law
WGS 4900 Independent Reading & Research in WGS
WGS 7150 Seminar in Feminist and Gender Theory
WGS 7500 (Special Topics in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies)
WGS 7900 Independent Reading & Research in WGS

Cross-Cultural Courses

ANTH 2051 Introduction to World Ethnography
ANTH 3401 The Study of Folklore
ANTH 4003 Indian Civilization of Middle and South America
ANTH 4050 Black Music in America
ANTH 4051 Africa
ANTH 4053 African-American Cultures
ANTH 4470 Folklore of the African Diaspora
ANTH 4475 American Folklore
EDCI 4800 Teaching in the Multicultural Classroom
ENGL 3401 The Study of Folklore
ENGL 3674 Survey of African-American Literature
ENGL 4674 Studies in African-American Literature
HIST 4077 American Popular Culture
REL 4800 Buddhism
SPAN 3044 Introduction to Latin American
SPAN 3074 Advanced Readings on Hispanic American
Civilization

Approved Concentration Electives

ANTH/GEOG/WGS 4087 Gender, Place, and Culture*
CLST 2080 Women in Antiquity
CMST 3115 Communication and Gender
ENGL 2593 Gender and Literature
ENGL 3593 Survey of Women and Literature
ENGL 4493 Women and Folklore
ENGL 4593 Studies in Women and Literature
ELRC 4370: Counseling Girls and Women
FREN 4090 French and Francophone Women Writers
GEOG/ANTH/WGS 4087 Gender, Place, and Culture*
HIST 2014: Goddesses to Witches: Women in Europe, 500BCE-1700CE
HIST 4013: Women in Early Modern Europe
HIST 4079 Women in American History
KIN 2600 Human Sexuality
PHIL 4949 Topics in Philosophy of Gender
POLI/WGS 4028: Gender and American Politics*

PSYC 4040: Research and Theory in Sexuality
REL 3300 Women and Religion
REL 4032 Religion, Gender, and Society
SOCL 4463 Gender and Crime
SOCL 4465: Drugs and Society
SOCL 4521 Sociology of Gender
SPAN 4100 Women Writers in the Hispanic World
SW 2500 Intro to LGBTQ Studies
THTR 4021 Gender and Sexuality in Performance
WGS 1001 Evolution of Sex and Gender
WGS 2200 Gender and Popular Culture
WGS/POLI 4028 Gender and American Politics*
WGS/ANTH/GEOG 4087 Gender, Place, and Culture*
WGS 4541 Gender and Law
WGS 4900 Independent Reading and Research in Women's & Gender Studies

* = indicates a cross-listed course with multiple prefixes

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Approved Undergrad Minor Electives

Literature

ENGL 2593 Images of Women

ENGL 3593 Women and Literature

ENGL 4593 (by request) Seminar in Women's Studies

FREN 4090 French and Francophone Women Writers

SPAN 4100 Women Writers of the Hispanic World

Culture & Society

ENGL 4493 Women and Folklore

CLST 2080 Women in Antiquity

HIST 4079 Women in U.S. History

REL 3300 Women and Religion

SOCL 4521 Sociology of Gender

CMST 3115 Gender and Communication

WGS 4028 Gender and American Politics

Theory

ENGL 4593 (by request) Seminar in Women's Studies

WGS 3150 Survey of Feminist Theory