

College of Arts and Sciences

Women's and Gender Studies

B.A. in Women's and Gender Studies

Admission to the Program

Formal admission to the major requires a grade point average of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) and the approval of the program director.

University Requirements

- A total of 120 credit hours
- 6 credit hours of college writing
- 3 credit hours of college mathematics or the equivalent by examination

Women's and gender studies majors are advised to take STAT-202 Basic Statistics to fulfill the University Mathematics Requirement.

General Education Requirements

- A total of ten courses, consisting of one foundation course and one second-level course in an approved sequence from each of the five curricular areas
- No more than 6 credit hours may be taken in the same discipline

Major Requirements

- 39 credit hours with grades of C or better, including at least 18 credit hours at the 300 level or above

Course Requirements

- WGST-125 Gender in Society 4:1 (3)
- WGST-150 Women's Voices through Time 2:1 (3)
- WGST-300 Feminist and Gender Theory (3)
- WGST-392 Cooperative Education Field Experience (3) *or* WGST-491 Internship in Women's and Gender Studies (3)
- WGST-500 Current Issues and Research in Women's and Gender Studies (3)
- One course on women and/or gender in multicultural perspective from the following:
 - ANTH-215 Sex, Gender, and Culture 3:2 (3)
 - JWST-320 Topics in Jewish Culture (3) (approved topic)
 - SOCY-235 Women in the Third World 3:2 (3)
 - WGST-350 Interpreting Gender in Culture (3) (approved topic)or another course approved by the program director

Area of Focus (12 credit hours)

- 12 credit hours (9 of which must be at the 300 level or above) from one of three options; Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, or an individually defined theme or issue

Note: the same course may not be used to satisfy both the women and/or gender in multicultural perspective requirement (see above) and the Area of Focus requirement.

Arts and Humanities

- AMST-334 Contemporary American Culture (3) (approved topics)
 - AMST-341 Research on the City of Washington (1-6) (approved topics)
 - ARTH-335 Twentieth Century Women Artists of the Americas (3)
 - ARTH-520 Seminar in Art History (3) (approved topics)
 - COMM-516 Topics in Film and Media Arts (3) (approved topics)
 - EDU-319 Children's Literature: Multicultural and International Approaches (3)
 - EDU-565 Gender and Cultural Diversity in School (3)
 - HIST-220 Women in America 4:2 (3)
 - HIST-332 Contemporary Historical Studies (3) (approved topics)
 - HIST-344 Topics in Jewish History (3) (approved topics)
 - HIST-358 Women in America to 1850 (3)
 - HIST-359 Women in America, 1850 to Present (3)
 - HIST-379 Topics in African American History (3) (approved topics)
 - HIST-380 Topics in U.S. History (3) (approved topics)
 - HIST-500 Studies in History (3) (approved topics)
 - JWST-320 Topics in Jewish Culture (3) (approved topics)
 - LIT-310 Major Authors (3) (approved topics)
 - LIT-332 Shakespeare Studies (3) (approved topics)
 - LIT-370 Topics in Women and Gender Studies (3)
 - PHIL-316 Feminist Philosophy (3)
 - SPAN-559 Colloquium on Latin America (3) (taught in Spanish) (approved topics)
 - WGST-350 Interpreting Gender in Culture (3) (approved topics)
- or other courses approved by the program director

Social Sciences

ANTH-215 Sex, Gender, and Culture 3:2 (3)
ANTH-254 Language and Culture (3)
ANTH-537 Topics in Language and Culture (3) (approved topics)
ANTH-544 Topics in Public Anthropology (3) (approved topics)
COMM-510 Women in Journalism (3)
COMM-534 Race, Gender and the Media (3)
ECON-374 Gender Roles in the Economy (3)
ECON-574 Women in the Economy (3)
GOVT-482 Women and Politics (3)
GOVT-483 Women, Politics, and Public Policy (3)
GOVT-484 Women and Political Leadership (3)
GOVT-485 Topics in Women and Politics (1-4)
GOVT-486 Feminist Political Theory (3)
HFIT-245 Gender, Culture and Health 4:2 (3)
HFIT-323 Issues in Women's Health (3)
JLS-526 Domestic Violence (3)
JLS-535 Gender and the Law (3)
PSYC-320 Women and Mental Health (3)
PSYC-430 Human Sexual Behavior (3)
PSYC-545 Psychology of Sex Similarities and Differences (3)
SIS-517 Gender, Human Rights, and Conflict (3)
SIS-559 Selected Topics in Cross-National Studies (3) (approved topics)
SOCY-205 The Family 4:2 (3)
SOCY-235 Women in the Third World 3:2 (3)
SOCY-354 White Privilege and Social Justice (3)
SOCY-352 Women, Men and Social Change (3)
SOCY-570 Sociology of Gender and Family (3)
SPAN-356 Spanish Topics (3) (taught in Spanish) (approved topics)
WGST-225 Gender, Politics and Power 4:2 (3)
WGST-350 Interpreting Gender in Culture (3) (approved topics)
or other courses approved by the program director

Individually Defined Area of Focus

An individually defined group of four courses (12 credit hours) centered on a particular theme or issue in women's and gender studies, with approval of the program director.

Electives (9 credit hours)

- Elective courses focused on women and/or gender studies, to make a total of 39 credit hours, from a list of courses approved each semester by the program director.

University Honors Program

All University Honors students must complete at least 12 credit hours of advanced-level (300-level and above) Honors courses including a 3 to 6 credit hour Honors Senior Capstone Project. Students may graduate with University Honors in the major if they complete at least 12 advanced-level Honors courses including the Senior Capstone Project in the department. Each department has three levels of University Honors requirements: Level I Options (100-200-level Honors classes); Level II Options (300-level and above Honors classes); and Level III Options (Honors Senior Capstone). The department Honors coordinator advises students in the University Honors Program regarding departmental options. For more information, go to www.american.edu/academic.depts/honors/.

Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

- 18 credit hours with grades of C or better with at least 12 credit hours unique to the minor

Course Requirements

- WGST-125 Gender in Society 4:1 (3)
- WGST-300 Feminist and Gender Theory (3)
- WGST-392 Cooperative Education Field Experience (3) *or* WGST-491 Internship in Women's and Gender Studies (3)
- 9 credit hours of course work, 6 of which must be at the 300 level or above, from a list of women's studies courses approved by the program director

Consult the program director for each semester's approved course offerings in Women's and Gender Studies.