WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Major:

• Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies (p. 1)

Minor:

• Women's and Gender Studies (p. 3)

Women's and gender studies places the experiences and perspectives of women at the center of analysis and also considers how gender intersects with other factors, such as race and class, to shape all of our lives. Interdisciplinary in nature, and founded upon the integration of theory and practice, critique and imagination, women's and gender studies brings approaches from other disciplines and fields into conversation with each other and with critical theories about gender and power to address and improve the lives of women and, by extension, of children and men. Inspired by both feminist and Marianist traditions, the Women's and Gender Studies Program at UD seeks to promote:

• Integration, collaboration, and personal engagement in learning
• The development and dissemination of critical thinking for social justice
• The appreciation and protection of human dignity and diversity
• Leadership through responsibility and service to community

Students majoring in women's and gender studies must complete 34 semester hours, including at least ten semester hours in four core WGS courses and 24 semester hours of upper-division courses offered by other departments. For these additional 24 semester hours, students must complete nine semester hours in one area of concentration, six semester hours in each of two additional areas, and three semester hours in a fourth area.

The major also has a cultural diversity requirement of six semester hours. (These hours may be from courses that are also used to fulfill the area requirements.) Of the six hours, three must be from a course that emphasizes race, and/or that takes a multicultural approach, within a U.S. or European context; the other three must be from a course that focuses on a non-U.S./European context or that takes a comparative international approach.

Courses taken for the major may also count toward completion of the Liberal Studies Curriculum.

Students minoring in women’s and gender studies must complete at least 15 semester hours, including one interdisciplinary core course (WGS 250 (http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/ programsofstudy/womensandgenderstudies), WGS 310 (http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/ programsofstudy/womensandgenderstudies) or WGS 350 (http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/ programsofstudy/womensandgenderstudies)) and twelve hours in approved upper-division courses (300-level or above) from at least three different disciplines. Alternatively, minors may take two of the interdisciplinary core courses, and nine hours in approved upper-division courses from three different disciplines.

Women's and Gender Studies Committee
Denise James (Philosophy), Director

Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) minimum 124 hours

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¹ Completed with ASI 110 and ASI 120.
² Or ENG 100A and ENG 100B, or ENG 200H, by placement.
³ Completed with ENG 200H or ASI 120.
⁴ Must include two different disciplines and accompanying lab.
⁵ U.S. History AP credit will not satisfy this requirement.

Liberal Studies Curriculum

Creative and Performing Arts (May include CAP Arts) | 3
L2 Proficiency (Proficiency in a language other than English) | 0-11
Literature (May include CAP Components) | 3
Mathematics, excluding MTH 205 (Satisfies CAP Mathematics) | 3
Natural Sciences (Satisfies CAP Natural Science) | 11
Social Sciences (Includes CAP Social Science) | 12

Major Requirements | 34
(May include CAP Components)
WGS 250  Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies 3
or WGS 350  Feminist Social Change 2
WGS 310  Feminist Theory & Methodology 3
WGS 390  Service Learning in Women’s & Gender Studies 1-3
WGS 490  Senior Seminar in Women’s & Gender Studies (Satisfies CAP Major Capstone) 3

First area courses:
Select nine semester hours from one area below 9

Second area courses:
Select six semester hours from a second area below 6

Third area courses:
Select six semester hours from a third area below 6

Fourth area courses:
Select three semester hours from the final area below 3

Areas:

**Literature and Arts**
CMS 415  Gender and Communication
ENG 333  Images of Women in Literature
ENG 335  African American Literature
ENG 336  Gender and Fiction
ENG 345  Postcolonial Literature
MUS 315  Music and Gender
THR 380  Power, Gender & Performance
VAH 360  Art History & Feminism

**History**
HST 347  Sex, Race & Science
HST 350  LGBTQ History
HST 351  American Gender & Women’s History
HST 352  Family History
HST 353  History of Women in European Societies
HST 354  History of Women & Gender in the Middle East
HST 356  Topics in Transnational Feminist History
HST 397  History of Black Women

**Philosophy and Religious Studies**
PHL 307  Philosophy and Feminist Thought
PHL 364  Race, Gender and Philosophy
REL 471  Women & Religion
REL 472  Ecology & Religion
REL 474  Women & the Global Church

**Social Sciences**
ANT 306  Culture & Power
HSS 325  Women in Sport
HSS 360  Sport and Bodies
POL 340  Gender, Women’s Rights and Global Politics
POL 341  Power, Gender & Performance
PSY 443  Women, Gender, and Psychology
PSY 462  Human Sexuality
SOC 322  Sex Roles & Society
SOC 330  Perspectives on Aging
SOC 331  Marriages & Families
SOC 332  Gender and Society
SOC 333  Sociology of Sexualities
SOC 339  Social Inequality
SOC 432  Structure of Privilege
SOC 360  Sport and Bodies
SWK 325  Child Abuse
SWK 327  Parenting: Social Welfare Role
SWK 330  Perspectives on Aging
SWK 370  Social Welfare Policy
UDI 341  Sexual Diversity

**Cultural Diversity Requirement**
Select one U.S./Europe Multicultural course from: 3
ENG 335  African American Literature
HST 351  American Gender & Women’s History
HST 353  History of Women in European Societies
HST 354  History of Women & Gender in the Middle East
HST 356  Topics in Transnational Feminist History
HST 397  History of Black Women
PHL 364  Race, Gender and Philosophy
SOC 432  Structure of Privilege

Select one Global (non U.S./Europe) course from: 3
ANT 306  Culture & Power
ENG 345  Postcolonial Literature
HST 354  History of Women & Gender in the Middle East
HST 356  Topics in Transnational Feminist History
POL 340  Gender, Women’s Rights and Global Politics
REL 471  Women & Religion
REL 474  Women & the Global Church

**Breadth**
ASI 150  Introduction to the University Experience 1

Total hours to total at least 124

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1. Restricted to students with no more than six semester hours applicable to a WGS major or minor. This course counts toward the WGS major only if taken before any other WGS core course.
2. A major who has taken WGS 250 may also take WGS 350 in lieu of one of the required disciplinary courses. WGS 350 will be counted toward the area requirement that most reflects the course's content during the relevant term.
3. In order to achieve some balance in approach, students must complete at least six semester hours each in both social sciences (anthropology, political science, psychology, sociology, and social work) and humanities (literature, arts, history, philosophy, and religious studies) courses. For this reason, social sciences must normally serve as the first, second, or third area, and not as the fourth.
4. Other courses may be counted toward the major, with approval of the program director, and depending on topic and content during a given semester.
5. This requirement may be satisfied with courses that are also used to fulfill the area requirements. Of the six semester hours, three must be from a course that emphasizes race, and/or that takes a multicultural approach, within a U.S. or European context; the other three must be from a course that focuses on a non-U.S./European context or that takes a comparative international approach.
Minor in Women's and Gender Studies (WGS)

Women's and Gender Studies 1  
WGS 250  Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies 3  
or WGS 310 Feminist Theory & Methodology  
or WGS 350 Feminist Social Change  
Select twelve semester hours from at least three different academic disciplines (300/400 level) 2  
Total Hours 15  

1 Students who wish to minor in Women's and Gender Studies should contact the director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program.  
2 A student may, alternatively, take two of the indicated WGS core courses (WGS 250 (http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/programs/offstudy/womensandgenderstudies), WGS 310 (http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/programs/offstudy/womensandgenderstudies), WGS 350 (http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/programs/offstudy/womensandgenderstudies)) and three upper-level courses from three different disciplines.

First Year
Fall  
ASI 150  
REL 103, HST 103, or PHL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons)  
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PSY 101 (Social Science - intro level)  
MTH 114 (CAP Mathematics)  
Language 101  
Total Hours 17  

Second Year
Fall  
WGS 250 or 350  
CAP Faith Traditions  
INSS (CAP Natural Science w/lab)  
Social Science - elective  
Language 201 or contextual course  
Total Hours 16  

Third Year
Fall  
ENG 333  
CAP Arts / Creative and Performing  
REL 471 (or CAP Advanced Philosophy/Religious Studies)  
CAP Integrative  
Literature (may include major course)  
Total Hours 15  

Fourth Year
Fall  
WGS 310  
WGS 390  
ANT 306  
CAP Practical Ethical Action  
CAP Inquiry  
General Elective  
Total Hours 15  

Total credit hours: 126-128