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

Common Academic Program (CAP) 1

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<th>Course Code</th>
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<td>HST 103</td>
<td>The West &amp; the World</td>
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<td>REL 103</td>
<td>Introduction to Religious and Theological Studies</td>
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<td>PHL 103</td>
<td>Introduction to Philosophy</td>
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<td>ENG 100</td>
<td>Writing Seminar I</td>
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<td>ENG 200</td>
<td>Writing Seminar II</td>
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<td>CMM 100</td>
<td>Principles of Oral Communication</td>
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<td>Natural Sciences 5</td>
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<td>Crossing Boundaries</td>
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The credit hours listed reflect what is needed to complete each CAP component. However, they should not be viewed as a cumulative addition to a student’s degree requirements because many CAP courses are designed to satisfy more than one CAP component (e.g., Crossing Boundaries and Advanced Studies) and may also satisfy requirements in the student’s major.

May be completed with ASI 110 and ASI 120 through the Core Program.

May be completed with ENG 100A and ENG 100B, by placement.

May be completed with ENG 114 or ENG 198 or ASI 120.

Must include two different disciplines and at least one accompanying lab.

U.S. History AP credit will not satisfy this requirement.

May not double count with First-Year Humanities Commons, Second-Year Writing, Oral Communication, Social Science, Arts, or Natural Sciences CAP components, but may double count with courses taken to satisfy other CAP components and/or courses taken in the student’s major.

The course or experience is designed by faculty in each major; it may, or may not, be assigned credit hours.

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
(May include CAP Components) 34
WGS 250 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies 1, 2 3
or WGS 350 Feminist Social Change
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: 3
Select three semester hours from the final area below 3

Areas: 4

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, Gender and Sexuality
THR 380 Power, Gender & Performance
VAH 360 Art History & Feminism

History
HST 347 Sex, Race & Science
HST 350 LGBTQ History: Comparative European and USA
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 The History of Transnational Feminisms
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 3
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 Programs and Politics
UDI 341 Sexual Diversity

Cultural Diversity Requirement 5
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 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 The History of Transnational Feminisms
Women's and Gender Studies

| 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

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, two must be from one of the courses 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 |
| 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.

Courses

WGS 250. Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies. 3 Hours
Introduction to key concepts, themes, and debates in Women's and Gender Studies. Intersectional (studying gender as it intersects with other social identity categories such as race, class, and sexuality), multi- or interdisciplinary, and multicultural in approach. Restricted to students with no more than six semester hours applicable to a WGS major or minor.

WGS 310. Feminist Theory & Methodology. 3 Hours
Exploration of the intersections of feminist epistemology, methodology, politics, and ethics. Consideration and comparison of a range of theories about gender, power, and knowledge that have shaped the development of feminist and womanist thought, research, practice, and movement in the U.S. and in other parts of the world. Prerequisite(s): WGS 250 or six semester hours prior WGS credit.

WGS 350. Feminist Social Change. 3 Hours
Exploration of the methods and priorities of feminist social change efforts in varying national, cultural, and/or religious contexts, including outside of the U.S. and Europe. Investigation of the nature, possibilities, and challenges of global/transnational feminist movement(s). Prerequisite(s): WGS 150 or six semester hours prior WGS credit.

WGS 380. Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies. 1-3 Hours
Intensive examination of current thematic, theoretical, or methodological issues in the field of Women's and Gender Studies. Consult composite for topics. May be repeated as topic changes. Prerequisite(s): WGS 250 or WGS 310 or WGS 350 or six semester hours prior WGS credit.

WGS 390. Service Learning in Women's & Gender Studies. 1-3 Hours
Individualized placements in community organizations that enable students to apply and enrich their formal studies by engaging in service work that addresses women's needs and/or advances social justice in relation to gender. May be done as an independent or group study under the direction of a WGS faculty member. May also be done in conjunction with another course. May be repeated up to a maximum of three semester hours. Prerequisite(s): WGS 250 or WGS 310 or WGS 350; permission of program director.

WGS 477. Honors Thesis Project. 3 Hours
First of two courses leading to the selection, design, investigation, and completion of an independent, original Honors Thesis project under the guidance of a faculty research advisor. Restricted to students in the University Honors Program with permission of the program director and departmental chairperson. Students pursuing an interdisciplinary thesis topic may register for three semester hours each in two separate disciplines in consultation with the department chairpersons. Prerequisite(s): Approval of University Honors Program.

WGS 478. Honors Thesis Project. 3 Hours
Second of two courses leading to the selection, design, investigation, and completion of an independent, original Honors Thesis project under the guidance of a faculty research advisor. Restricted to students in the University Honors Program with permission of the program director and departmental chairperson. Students pursuing an interdisciplinary thesis topic may register for three semester hours each in two separate disciplines in consultation with the department chairpersons. Prerequisite(s): Approved 477 and approval of University Honors Program.

WGS 480. Independent Study in Women's & Gender Studies. 3 Hours
Individual investigations of special topics in the field of Women's and Gender Studies under faculty direction. May be repeated under special circumstances. No more than six semester hours of WGS 480 may count toward the major. Prerequisite(s): WGS 250 or WGS 310 or WGS 350; approval of program director.

WGS 490. Senior Seminar in Women's & Gender Studies. 3 Hours
Concentration on a particular topic or problem in Women's and Gender Studies, with focus on critical theories, methodologies, ethics and practices appropriate for advanced feminist research. Emphasis on integration (e.g. of feminist theory, methods, and practice) and interdisciplinarity. May require students either to work collaboratively on a single research project or to apply certain theories or methods central to the seminar in their exploration of individual projects. May be repeated as topics change. Prerequisite(s): WGS 250 or WGS 350, WGS 310.