

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Major:

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

Minor:

- Women's and Gender Studies (p. 2)

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, while relying on the engagement of critique and imagination, Women's and Gender Studies brings approaches from other disciplines and fields into conversation with each other. The application of critical theories about gender and power help students 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 10 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 Common Academic Program (CAP) requirements.

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.

FACULTY LISTING (https://udayton.edu/artssciences/academics/womens_and_gender/faculty-staff.php)

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

Liberal Studies Curriculum

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| 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

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(May include CAP Components)

WGS Core Curriculum

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| WGS 250 | Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies ^{1,2} | 3 |
| or WGS 350 | Feminist Social Change | |
| or WGS 351 | Global South Feminisms | |
| WGS 310 | Feminist Theory and 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 |

Select one course from:

Literature and Arts

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| CMM 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 | |
| ENG 396 | Love & LGBTQ+ Literature | |
| MUS 315 | Music, Gender and Sexuality | |
| THR 250 | Diversity in Creative & Performing Arts | |
| or VAR 250 | Diversity in Creative & Performing Arts | |
| THR 380 | Power, Gender & Performance | |
| VAH 360 | Art History & Feminism | |

Select one course from:

History

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| GLC 335 | Gender, Sexuality & the Holocaust | |
| HST 347 | A Disability History of the United States | |
| HST 350 | LGBTQ History: Comparative European and USA | |
| HST 351 | American Gender & Women's History to 1870 | |
| HST 352 | US Gender and Women's History 1870-the present | |
| HST 353 | History of Women in European Societies | |
| HST 354 | History of Women & Gender in the Middle East | |
| HST 356 | History of Transnational Feminism | |
| HST 397 | Black Women in America | |

Select one course from:

Philosophy and Religious Studies

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| PHL 307 | Philosophy and Feminist Thought | |
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| PHL 364 | Race, Gender and Philosophy |
| PHL 381 | Sexual Ethics |
| REL 277 | Faith Traditions: Women and Gender |
| REL 343 | Theology of Humanity, Sexuality, and Marriage |
| REL 471 | Women & Religion |
| REL 472 | Ecology & Religion |
| REL 474 | Women & the Global Church |

Select two courses from:

Social Sciences³ **6**

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| ANT 306 | Culture & Power |
| 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 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 | Advocacy Practice in Social Work |

Cultural Diversity Requirement⁵

Select one U.S./Europe Multicultural course from: **3**

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| ENG 335 | African American Literature |
| GLC 335 | Gender, Sexuality & the Holocaust |
| HST 351 | American Gender & Women's History to 1870 |
| HST 353 | History of Women in European Societies |
| HST 397 | Black Women in America |
| PHL 364 | Race, Gender and Philosophy |
| SOC 432 | Structure of Privilege |

Select one Global (non U.S./Europe) course from: **3**

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| ANT 306 | Culture & Power |
| ENG 345 | Postcolonial Literature |
| HST 354 | History of Women & Gender in the Middle East |
| HST 356 | History of Transnational Feminism |
| POL 340 | Gender, Women's Rights and Global Politics |
| REL 471 | Women & Religion |
| REL 474 | Women & the Global Church |
| WGS 351 | Global South Feminisms |

Breadth

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| 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.

² A major who has taken WGS 250 may also take WGS 350 or WGS 351 in lieu of one of the required disciplinary courses. WGS 350 or WGS 351

will be counted toward the area requirement that most reflects the course's content during the relevant term.

³ In order to achieve a balanced, interdisciplinary approach, students must complete at least six semester hours each in both social sciences (anthropology, communication, political science, psychology, sociology, and social work) and humanities (literature, arts, history, philosophy, and religious studies) courses.

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 Studies¹

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| WGS 250 | Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies | 3 |
| or WGS 310 | Feminist Theory and Methodology | |
| or WGS 350 | Feminist Social Change | |
| or WGS 351 | Global South Feminisms | |

Select twelve semester hours from at least three different academic disciplines (300/400 level)² **12**

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| ANT 306 | Culture & Power |
| CMM 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 |
| ENG 396 | Love & LGBTQ+ Literature |
| HSS 360 | Sport and Bodies |
| HST 347 | A Disability History of the United States |
| HST 350 | LGBTQ History: Comparative European and USA |
| HST 351 | American Gender & Women's History to 1870 |
| HST 352 | US Gender and Women's History 1870-the present |
| HST 353 | History of Women in European Societies |
| HST 354 | History of Women & Gender in the Middle East |
| HST 356 | History of Transnational Feminism |
| HST 397 | Black Women in America |
| MUS 315 | Music, Gender and Sexuality |
| PHL 307 | Philosophy and Feminist Thought |
| PHL 364 | Race, Gender and Philosophy |
| PHL 381 | Sexual Ethics |
| POL 340 | Gender, Women's Rights and Global Politics |
| POL 341 | Power, Gender & Performance |
| PSY 443 | Women, Gender, and Psychology |
| PSY 462 | Human Sexuality |
| REL 277 | Faith Traditions: Women and Gender |
| REL 343 | Theology of Humanity, Sexuality, and Marriage |
| REL 471 | Women & Religion |
| REL 472 | Ecology & Religion |

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| REL 474 | Women & the Global Church |
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| SOC 331 | Marriages & Families |
| SOC 332 | Gender and Society |
| SOC 333 | Sociology of Sexualities |
| SOC 339 | Social Inequality |
| SOC 360 | Sport and Bodies |
| SOC 432 | Structure of Privilege |
| SWK 325 | Child Abuse |
| SWK 327 | Parenting: Social Welfare Role |
| SWK 330 | Perspectives on Aging |
| SWK 370 | Advocacy Practice in Social Work |
| THR 250 | Diversity in Creative & Performing Arts |
| or VAR 250 | Diversity in Creative & Performing Arts |
| THR 380 | Power, Gender & Performance |
| VAH 360 | Art History & Feminism |
| WGS 351 | Global South Feminisms |
| 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/programsofstudy/womensandgenderstudies/>), WGS 310 (<http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/programsofstudy/womensandgenderstudies/>), WGS 350, (<http://catalog.udayton.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/programsofstudy/womensandgenderstudies/>) WGS 351) and three upper-level courses from three different disciplines.

| First Year | | | |
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| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
| ASI 150 | | 1 ENG 100 (CAP Humanities Commons) | 3 |
| REL 103, HST 103, or PHL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons) | | 3 PHL 103, REL 103, or HST 103 (CAP Humanities) | 3 |
| HST 103, PHL 103, or REL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons) | | 3 CMM 100 (CAP Communication) | 3 |
| PSY 101 (Social Science - intro level) | | 3 INSS (CAP Natural Science w/ lab) | 4 |
| MTH 114 (CAP Mathematics) | | 3 Language 141 | 4 |
| Language 101 | | 4 | |
| | 17 | | 17 |
| Second Year | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
| WGS 250 or 350 | | 3 ENG 200 (CAP Writing Seminar) | 3 |
| CAP Faith Traditions | | 3 SSC 200 (CAP Social Science) | 3 |

| INSS (CAP Natural Science w/lab) | | 4 PSY 443 (Satisfies CAP Diversity and Social Justice) | 3 |
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| Social Science - elective | | 3 PSY at 300 or 400 level | 3 |
| Language 201 or contextual course | | 3 INSS Natural Science | 3 |
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| Third Year | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
| ENG 333 | | 3 ENG 336 | 3 |
| CAP Arts / Creative and Performing | | 3 HST 347 | 3 |
| REL 471 (or CAP Advanced Philosophy/Religious Studies) | | 3 PHL 307 (or CAP Advanced Philosophy/Religious Studies) | 3 |
| CAP Integrative | | 3 HST 351 (or CAP Advanced Historical Studies) | 3 |
| Literature (may include major course) | | 3 General elective | 3 |
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| Fourth Year | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
| WGS 310 | | 3 WGS 490 (Satisfies CAP Major Capstone) | 3 |
| WGS 390 | | 1 CMM 415 | 3 |
| ANT 306 | | 3 General elective | 3 |
| CAP Practical Ethical Action | | 3 General elective | 3 |
| CAP Inquiry | | 3 General elective | 3 |
| General Elective | | 3 | |
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Total credit hours: 126

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 and Methodology. 3 Hours
 Exploration of the intersections of feminist thinking and activism. Consideration and comparison of a range of theories about gender, power, and knowledge that have shaped the development of feminist thought, research, practice, and movement in the U.S. and in other parts of the world. Prerequisites: WGS 250, RCE 200, HRS 200, or permission of WGS director.

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 and transnational feminist movements. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or higher.

WGS 351. Global South Feminisms. 3 Hours

Exploration of gender studies in the Global South. Focusing on a variety of issues/themes, this course will draw on scholarship, activism and advocacy located in the Global South. Topics will include how gender intersects with other social identity categories such as race, class, sexuality, and ethnicity, and highlight the histories and contexts of Global South feminisms. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or higher.

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.