Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies

Why study women, gender and sexuality studies?

Because much of what people think they know about women, gender, and sex is myth.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Graduate Admission

Admission requires a bachelor's degree and acceptance by Graduate Studies. Submit your graduate application online (http://www.graduate.ku.edu). If you are applying to a specific M.A. or Ph.D. program, submit your application, fees, letters of recommendation, Graduate Record Examination scores, official transcripts, and any other requested materials to that program.

Students already in a KU graduate program must be in good standing with their graduate degree program in order to participate in the certificate program, must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and must provide a letter of support from their graduate degree program. After they submit their KUGRAD form they will be asked to submit a current advising report to the Department.

Students not already in a KU graduate program will be asked (after they submit their KUGRAD form) to provide the WGSS Department with the following.

- a letter stating the student's interest in the WGSS Graduate Certificate Program;
- a copy of the student's latest college transcript (this does not need to be an official copy);
- and 2 letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the student's academic work or potential for graduate study

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Graduate Certificate Requirements

The graduate certificate requires completion of 12 credit hours of graduate work, including 2 courses selected from WGSS 800 History of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies; WGSS 801 Feminist Theory, and/or WGSS 802 Feminist Methodologies and two 3-credit electives chosen from a list of recommended graduate courses or approved by the graduate director.