Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Why study women, gender, and sexuality studies?

Because much of what people think they know about women, gender, and sex is myth. Our department seeks to produce intellectually rigorous, analytical and creative work that embodies the perspective of gender in its local and global dimensions through teaching, research, and outreach activities.

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). The Graduate Studies Admissions policy can be found here (http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study). 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. They will be asked to submit a current KU advising report to the Department.

Students not already in a KU graduate program will be asked (after they submit their KU advising report) 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

Graduate Certificate Requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies requires completion of 12 credit hours of graduate work, including:

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Certificate students must also complete two electives chosen from the department's list of recommended graduate courses or courses approved by the department's Director of Graduate Studies.

Total Hours: 12