

# Minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

## Why study women, gender and sexuality?

- Confront social problems around gender and sexuality
- Collaborate with students and faculty from across the social sciences and humanities
- Build expertise on issues that matter most to you

If you are interested in how gender, race, class, and sexuality structure our world and interactions with one another, and if you are passionate about issues of social justice and inequality, then a WGSS program may be a great fit for you.

Students in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies develop a broad set of skills to critically analyze social issues from multiple disciplinary perspectives, including anthropology, history, law, literature, political science, psychology, and sociology. They learn to employ different methods and modes of analysis to better identify, critique, and productively understand the status of women in society and how structures of inequality interact with gender and sexuality.

## Requirements for the Minor

### Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor Course Requirements

The minor requires 18 hours. At least 12 hours must be at the junior/senior (300+) level or higher.

Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Introduction</b>		<b>3</b>
WGSS 101	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
	or WGSS 10 Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Honors	
<b>Theory</b>		<b>3</b>
Satisfied by 1 course chosen from the following:		
WGSS 329	Introduction to Queer Theory: Tools for Deconstructing Gender	
WGSS/ENGL/AAAS 344	Black Feminist Theory	
WGSS/PHIL 381	Feminism and Philosophy	
PHIL 504	Philosophy of Sex and Love	
WGSS 549/HIST 649	History of Feminist Theory	
WGSS/AAAS 560	Race, Gender and Empire	
WGSS 600	Feminist Contemporary Political Theory	
<b>Methods</b>		<b>3</b>
WGSS 501	Doing Feminist Research (Fall Only)	
<b>Electives</b>		<b>9</b>

Satisfied by any 3 additional WGSS courses (9 hours).

Eligible courses include:

WGSS 111	Introduction to Human Sexuality Studies
WGSS 177	First Year Seminar: _____
WGSS 196	Study Abroad Topics in: _____
SOC 220	Sociology of Families
SW 303	Human Sexuality
ENGL/GIST 306	Global Environmental Literature
WGSS 311/AMS 323/HIST 332/HUM 332	Sex in History
WGSS/HIST 319	History, Women, and Diversity in the U.S.
WGSS/HIST 320	From Goddesses to Witches: Women in Premodern Europe
WGSS/HIST 321	From Mystics to Feminists: Women's History in Europe 1600 to the Present
WGSS/HIST 322	LGBTQ U.S. History, 1600-1900
WGSS/HIST 323	LGBTQ U.S. History, 1900-Present
WGSS/HIST 324	History of Women and the Body
WGSS/ANTH 325	Language, Gender, and Sexuality
SOC 326	Health, Gender, and Society
WGSS 327	Perspectives in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies
WGSS 330/AAAS 340	Women in Contemporary African Literature
WGSS 331	Sex and Gender in New Media
WGSS 333	The Politics of Physical Appearance
WGSS/JWSH/HIST 335	History of Jewish Women
WGSS 339	Feminism and Social Change
WGSS 350	Black Love and Romance
WGSS 351	Women and Leadership: The Legislative Process
SOC 352	Sociology of Sex Roles
WGSS/GIST 355	International Women's Rights
ANTH 359	Anthropology of Sex
HIST 361	Youth, Sex, and Romance in Post-WWII United States
WGSS/HUM 364	Pregnancy in Modern Literature
WGSS/HUM 365	Angry White Male Studies
WGSS/HUM 366	Fat, Food and the Body in Global Perspective
REL 370	Judaism and Sexuality
ANTH/AAAS 372	Religion, Power, and Sexuality in Arab Societies

WGSS/REL 374	Religious Perspectives on Selfhood and Sexuality	WGSS 565	Gender, Culture, and Migration
WGSS 376/ EALC 375	Love, Sexuality and Gender in Japanese Literature	WGSS/ISP 567	Native Feminisms
WGSS/AAAS 380	African Art and Gender	ENGL 572	Women and Literature: _____
AAAS 388	The Black Woman	WGSS/HUM 575/HIST 625	The Body, Self and Society
WGSS/ANTH 389	The Anthropology of Gender: Female, Male, and Beyond	WGSS 576/ EALC 575	Love, Sexuality and Gender in Japanese Literature
WGSS 396	Studies in: _____	WGSS/ANTH 583	Love, Sex, and Globalization
WGSS 397	Study Abroad Topic in: _____	WGSS/HIST/ AAAS 598	Sexuality and Gender in African History
WGSS/PSYC 410	Intimate Relationships	WGSS 600	Feminist Contemporary Political Theory (if not already used)
AAAS 415	Women and Islam	SOC 617/ HP&M 620	Women and Health Care
WGSS/EALC 418	Sexual Politics in Chinese Literature and Culture: Premodern Times	FMS 620	International Women Filmmakers
or EALC 618	Sexual Politics in Chinese Literature and Culture: Premodern Times	WGSS/POLS 630	Politics of Identity
AAAS 434	African Women Writers	WGSS 650	Service Learning in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
WGSS/COMS 440	Communication and Gender	WGSS 652/ AMS 650	Jazz and American Culture
SOC 450	Gender and Society	WGSS 653	Gender, Peace, and Conflict
SOC 454	Women and Work	WGSS/AAAS/ POLS 662	Gender and Politics in Africa
WGSS/PSYC 468	Psychology of Women	WGSS/PSYC 689	Conceptual Issues in Human Sexuality
WGSS/REL/ HUM 477	Gender and Religion	WGSS 696	Studies in: _____
HSES 489	Health and Human Sexuality	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>
WGSS 498	Independent Study	Courses with a blank (____) vary by semester and may be repeated for credit. These courses all always count as general electives. If they include significant theoretical material, they may count toward specific requirements within the program as well. Confirm with the major advisor.	
WGSS/PSYC 502	Human Sexuality	<b>Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor Hours &amp; Minor GPA</b>	
PHIL 504	Philosophy of Sex and Love	While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:	
WGSS/AMS 510/HIST 530	History of American Women: Colonial Times to 1870	<b>Minor Hours</b>	
WGSS 511/ HIST 531/ AMS 511	History of American Women: 1870 to Present	Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.	
WGSS/CLSX 515	Gender and Sexuality in Greek Culture	<b>Minor Hours in Residence</b>	
WGSS/CLSX 516	Gender and Sexuality in Roman Culture	Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.	
WGSS/POLS 517	Policing the Womb	<b>Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours</b>	
WGSS/PSYC 521	Women and Violence	Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.	
WGSS/HA 533	Rococo to Realism: Painting in Europe c. 1750-1848	<b>Minor Graduation GPA</b>	
WGSS/HA 534	Impressionism and Post-Impressionism: 1848-1900	Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator ( <a href="http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa/">http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa/</a> ).	
WGSS 540	Skin, Sex, and Disease		
AAAS 545	Unveiling the Veil		
WGSS/COMS 552	The Rhetoric of Women's Rights		
WGSS 553	Making a Pandemic: The History and Politics of HIV/AIDS		
WGSS 562	Gender and Politics		

## Overlap Policies

Students who wish to pursue more than one program offered by the department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies may do so with the following restrictions: No more than four courses may be used to fulfill requirements for both the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major and the Human Sexuality major – two of which would be WGSS 501 and WGSS 601. No more than two courses may overlap between any of our majors and minors, or between our two minors – one of which would be WGSS 501. Students earning an undergraduate certificate in addition to another WGSS program can overlap one course – the introductory-level requirement.