

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
Introduction		3
WGSS 101	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
or WGSS 10	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Honors	
Theory		3
Satisfied by 1 course chosen from the following:		
WGSS 312	Black Feminist and Womanist Ethics	
WGSS 329	Introduction to Queer Theory: Tools for Deconstructing Gender	
WGSS 344	Black Feminist Theory	
WGSS 359	Introduction to Feminist Theory	
WGSS/PHIL 381	Feminism and Philosophy	
PHIL 504	Philosophy of Sex and Love	
WGSS 549/HIST 649	History of Feminist Theory	
WGSS 600	Feminist Contemporary Political Theory	
Methods		3
WGSS 501	Doing Feminist Research	
Electives		9

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

Eligible courses include all of the courses listed above and the following:

WGSS 111	Introduction to Human Sexuality Studies
WGSS 196	Study Abroad Topics in: _____
SOC 220	Sociology of Families
SW 303	Human Sexuality
WGSS 305	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the North American West
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 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	When We Lead: Minorities and the Legislative Process
WGSS/GIST 355	International Women's Rights
WGSS 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 376/EALC 375	Love, Sexuality and Gender in Japanese Literature
WGSS/AAAS 380	African Art and Gender

WGSS 386	Trans: A Global History
AAAS 388	The Black Woman
WGSS/ANTH 389	The Anthropology of Gender: Female, Male, and Beyond
WGSS 396	Studies in: _____
WGSS 397	Study Abroad Topic in: _____
WGSS/PSYC 410	Intimate Relationships
AAAS 415	Women and Islam
FMS 420	International Women Filmmakers
WGSS/COMS 440	Communication and Gender
SOC 450	Gender and Society
WGSS/PSYC 468	Psychology of Women
WGSS/REL/ HUM 477	Gender and Religion
HSES 489	Health and Human Sexuality
WGSS 498	Independent Study
WGSS/PSYC 502	Human Sexuality
PHIL 504	Philosophy of Sex and Love
WGSS/AMS 510/HIST 530	History of American Women--Colonial Times to 1870
WGSS 511/ HIST 531/ AMS 511	History of American Women--1870 to Present
WGSS 514	Politics of Human Trafficking
WGSS/CLSX 515	Gender and Sexuality in Greek Culture
WGSS/CLSX 516	Gender and Sexuality in Roman Culture
WGSS/POLS 517	Policing the Womb
WGSS/PSYC 521	Women and Violence
WGSS/HA 533	Rococo to Realism: Painting in Europe c. 1750-1848
WGSS/HA 534	Impressionism and Post-Impressionism: 1848-1900
WGSS 540	Skin, Sex, and Disease
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
WGSS 563	Gender, Sexuality and the Law
WGSS 565	Gender, Culture, and Migration
WGSS/ISP 567	Native Feminisms
ENGL 572	Women and Literature: _____
WGSS/HUM 575/HIST 625	The Body, Self and Society
WGSS/ANTH 583	Love, Sex, and Globalization

WGSS/HIST/ AAAS 598	Sexuality and Gender in African History
WGSS 600	Feminist Contemporary Political Theory (if not already used)
WGSS/POLS 630	Politics of Identity
WGSS 650	Service Learning in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
WGSS 652/ AMS 650	Jazz and American Culture
WGSS 653	Gender, Peace, and Conflict
WGSS/AAAS/ POLS 662	Gender and Politics in Africa
WGSS 696	Studies in: _____

Total Hours **18**

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.

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA

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 (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

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.