

# Gender and Women's Studies - B.A.

College of  
Arts and Sciences

The Department in Gender and Women's Studies offers an interdisciplinary curriculum which focuses on the study of gender as an aspect of everyday life, as well as on the political and cultural experiences and contributions of women across the world and through time. Majors in GWS have gone on to become artists, activists, to study law, medicine, social work, and to pursue academic careers.

## 120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. See the complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the *Arts and Sciences* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog.

### UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

#### I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I .....3

#### VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II .....3

#### VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list.....3

**UK Core hours** ..... **30**

### Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

GWS 599 Senior Seminar: Subtitle required.....3

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### College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (*placement exam recommended*) ..... 0-14

#### II. Disciplinary Requirements

a. Natural Science.....6

b. Social Science.....6

c. Humanities.....3

III. Laboratory or Field Work.....1

IV. Race and Ethnicity Requirement..... 0-3

V. Electives.....6

**College Requirement hours:** ..... **22-39**

### Premajor Requirements

\*GWS 200 Sex and Power.....3

\*GWS 201 Gender and Popular Culture.....3

**Premajor hours:** ..... **6**

### Major Requirements

#### Core Courses

GWS 250 Social Movements

or

GWS 340 History of Feminist Thought to 1975.....3

GWS 350 Feminist Theory .....3

GWS 400 Doing Feminist Research.....3

GWS 599 Senior Seminar.....3

**Core hours:** ..... **12**

#### Elective Courses

Choose five 3-credit-hour courses (not to exceed more than 12 hours of GWS courses from the following) from a list of approved electives, including the courses below. Additional non-GWS courses will be approved on a semester-by-semester basis.

\*GWS 300 Topics in Gender and Women's Studies (Subtitle required).....3

GWS 301 Crossroads (Subtitle required) ..... 1-3

GWS 302 Gender Across the World (Subtitle required).....3

GWS 360 LGBTQ History in the United States.....3

GWS 395 Undergraduate Research in

Gender and Women's Studies ..... 1-3

GWS 399 Internship in Gender and Women's Studies ..... 1-6

GWS 410 Introduction to Queer Theory.....3

GWS 430 Gender, Power and Violence.....3

GWS 506 History of Sexuality in the U.S. ....3

GWS 595 Issues in Gender and Women's Studies (Subtitle required).....3

**Elective hours:** ..... **15**

**Total Major hours:** ..... **27**

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## Other Course Work Required for the Major

Students must complete at least 27 credit hours of the major through upper-division course work (12 credit hours of core courses, 15 credit hours of electives).

## From Outside the Major Department

Choose 12 hours outside GWS at the 300+ level. 200+ level courses used to satisfy College requirements can also be counted here.

**Other Major hours:** ..... 12

## Total Minimum Hours

**Required for Degree** ..... 120

*\*Course used towards completion of a UK Core Requirement.*