

# GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES, MINOR (378)

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## Mission Statement

The Gender & Women's Studies Program broadens students' knowledge of gender dynamics, globally and historically, with an emphasis on issues central to women's lives. Through an interdisciplinary classroom experience, community outreach, and special events, the Gender and Women's Studies Program advances understanding of the social and cultural institutions and practices that affect us.

## Goals

- sharpen ability to critically analyze gender issues
- encourage the practice of feminist scholarship
- enhance intellectual and personal growth
- foster an atmosphere in which diversity and sustainability are valued
- advocate ethical conduct, social justice, and responsible global citizenship

## Program Requirements (21 hours)

Course requirements include 6 hours of required courses, plus 15 hours of electives, with no more than 9 elective hours from any one prefix.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>6</b>
GWS 200	Introduction to Gender And Women's Studies	
GWS 400	Western Feminist Thought	
<b>Elective Course Options</b>		<b>15</b>
GWS 375	American Masculinities	
GWS 470	Special Topics in Gender and Women's Studies	
GWS 499	Directed Study	
AFAM 343	Communities of Struggle	
AFAM 353	Radical Blackness	
AFAM 393	African American Literature	
or ENG 393	African American Literature	
ANTH 343	Anthropology of Gender	
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
COMM 374	Gender Communication	
COMM 388	Seminar in Political Communication	
DANC 360	Dance in Culture: Moving History	
DCS 363	Narrative, Discourse, and Prison Systems	
ENG 104	Introduction to Linguistics	
ENG 295	Popular Culture and Gender: Signs & Narratives	

ENG 360	Gay and Lesbian Literature
ENG 365	Film Adaptation
ENG 387	Studies in Autobiography
ENG 388	Postcolonial Studies
ENG 465	Film Genres
or FILM 465	Film Genres
ENG 488	Victorian Literature and Culture
ENG 489	The English Novel
ENG 497	Women's Literature
FACS 311	Family Relations
FACS 495	Family and Relationship Violence
FLK 280	Cultural Diversity in the U S
FLK 330	Cultural Connections and Diversity
FLK 373	Folklore and the Media
FLK 480	Women's Folklife
FILM 369	Introduction to World Cinema
FILM 469	Topics in World Cinema
HIST 329	Black Intellectual History
HIST 335	Twentieth Century Europe
HIST 420	History of Sexuality
HIST 446	American Legal History Since 1865
HIST 453	American Women's History
PHIL 212	Philosophy and Gender Theory
PLS 324	Women and the Law
PS 373	Minority Politics
PS 374	Women and Politics
PH 365	Human Sexuality
PH 464	Women's Health
PSY 350	Social Psychology
or PSYS 350	Social Psychology
PSY 355	Issues in Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYS 453	Psychology of Women
PSYS 482	Psychology of Sexuality
RELS 322	Pilgrimage, Islam and Modernity
RELS 331	Islam in America: Hope & Hip Hop
RELS 333	Women and Religion
RELS 341	Religion and the Environment
RELS 401	Religious Studies Seminar
SOM 310	Media Diversity
SOCL 220	Marriage and Family
SOCL 350	Systems of Social Inequality
SOCL 355	Sociology of Gender
SOCL 359	Sexuality and Society
SOCL 362	Social Institutions: Race, Class, and Gender
SOCL 435	Family Violence
SOCL 466	Gender, Family, and Society
THEA 341	Culture and Performance
THEA 375	Topics in Drama

**Total Hours**

**21**

No more than nine hours of electives may be taken in any one prefix. Because new courses are added and occasionally dropped from the

categories below, students should consult the latest information on the website ([www.wku.edu/womensstudies](http://www.wku.edu/womensstudies) (<http://www.wku.edu/womensstudies/>)) or in the Gender and Women's Studies office in Cherry Hall 301.

Additional offerings include special topics courses in various disciplines.