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Program Offerings:

Minor in Gender Studies

Interdisciplinary Program Administered by the College of Liberal Arts

Gender Studies Requirements (18 credits)

Courses vary by semester and may be offered in the Departments of Anthropology; Art and Art History; Biological and Allied Health Sciences; Communication Studies; Economics; English; Exercise Science and Athletics; History; Languages and Cultures; Management; Music, Theatre and Dance; Nursing; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice and those identified as interdisciplinary studies.

Gender Studies Core Courses

Students are required to take one course from the following four core courses:

COMMSTUD 309 Gender Issues in Communication*

ENGLISH 288 Feminist Reading of Culture*

PHIL 408 Feminist Philosophy

POLISCI 377 Feminist Political Theory

“Any additional core course may act as an elective within the minor.”

Gender Studies Electives

FIVE elective courses—from a minimum of **THREE** different departments: (*Courses from the Core list can also count as electives*)

100

ENGLISH 152: Literature and Society (*Depends on topic*)*

ENGLISH 156: Popular Literature: Women and Crime Fiction*

200

ARABIC 212: Euro-Arab Cinema*

BIOLOGY 230: Human Sexuality*

ENGLISH 286: Women’s Literature Survey*

EXERSCI 288: Women in Sport*

NURSING 240: Contemporary Women's Health*

SOC 231: Marriage and Family*

300

ANTHRO 380: Men and Women: An Anthropological Perspective

ARTHSTRY 360: Women, Art and Society*

ECONOMICS 313: Labor Economics*

ENGLISH 377: Modern Drama

HISTORY 329: The American Woman

MGMT 355: Managing Multicultural Organizations

SOC 320: Sociology of Gender

400

ANTHRO 430: Anthropology of Reproduction

COMMSTUD 492: Special Topics in Organizational Communication (*Depends on topic*)

CRIMJUST 420: Crime, Social Inequality and Social Identity

ENGLISH 480: Special Topics (*Depends on topic*)

ENGLISH 491: Topics in Criticism (*Offered to seniors with chair approval*)

POLISCI 422: Women and Politics

POLISCI 492: Seminar in Government and Politics (*Depends on topic*)

*Course provides GEPs

Petitions for Independent Research or Internships

Independent studies, individualized instruction, departmental research and writing courses, and internships can be counted toward the minor if the project, study, or agency specifically reflects the curriculum goals of the Gender Studies Minor upon approval by the advisory board members.

<https://intranet.bloomu.edu/documents/cola/WomenStudiesGazette-Fall2016.pdf>

GSM Gazette newsletter (latest issue published 2016)

California University of Pennsylvania

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Program Offerings:

Women's Studies Minor (21 credits)

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR

Develop a greater respect for diverse populations - and understand yourself better, too.

Reconsider your assumptions about women, men and gender as you enhance your degree with a minor in women's studies from California University of Pennsylvania.

This 21-credit minor program gives you a framework for examining your experiences and identity within the context of individual, family, national and global systems.

The women's studies curriculum encourages you to analyze the complex intersections of individual and cultural factors, such as gender, sex, race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, age, religion and ability. You will examine how these factors relate to power, oppression and social justice, and affect:

- Intimate relationships.
- Family responsibilities.
- Paid work and unpaid work experiences.

Think deeply about issues that shape your view of the world.

Cal U students in the women's studies program engage with interesting and timely topics. They explore factual information and then consider how it influences their views of life, love, women, men, media, politics, healthcare and much more.

These topics are both intriguing and invigorating, students say. The women's studies curriculum also requires students to reflect, personally and professionally, on what they

have learned through their formal education and social/cultural experiences. This makes the women's studies minor a meaningful addition to any academic major.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: Women's Studies Minor

Career-focused skills: Students in the women's studies program hone their skills in critical analysis and develop the thinking, writing and speaking skills essential to high performance in any career field. Most students who take women's studies courses, especially those who complete the minor, report that they've learned a great deal and enjoyed their classes. In fact, many students say these classes should be required for all students.

Growth opportunities: Women's studies minors have first access to personal and professional development activities, including a three-day Design Your Life retreat and a weeklong off-campus women's leadership conference. Students also have many opportunities outside of class to engage in activism and, as Gandhi said, "be the change you wish to see in the world."

Top 3

Pittsburgh is one of the locations with the highest concentration of women's studies graduates. Others are Ann Arbor, Mich., and Madison, Wis. SOURCE: www.dataisa.io

Benefits of the Minor

Students who take courses in women's studies are better prepared to work with colleagues and clients from diverse backgrounds. Employers often prioritize hiring candidates who appreciate and respect diversity and who can work successfully with diverse populations. Students can complete the minor on campus or online.

Graduate Outcomes

Students in the women's studies minor gain a fresh perspective on leadership and negotiation, developing the confidence to negotiate for higher salaries throughout their careers. Program graduates are employed in roles such as: Administrators in human services and human rights organizations. Social workers and victim advocates. Business owners and union organizers. Communications and public relations professionals. Nurses, public health educators and health clinic coordinators. Teachers, professors and librarians.

RAISE YOUR AWARENESS

Grow in understanding and awareness as you learn about the experiences of groups not often highlighted in traditional curricula. Through increased knowledge, new perspectives and self-reflection, you'll come to know yourself better, too.

ADDED VALUE

A minor in women's studies can add to your college experience and help your resume stand out. It demonstrates your interest in people whose background and ideas may be different from your own, as well as your respect for diverse populations.

Example Courses:

- Introduction To Women's Studies
- Selected Topics In Women's Studies
- Gender, Race And Media
- International Violence: Focused On Women
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender And Queer Studies
- Capstone: Advanced Women's Studies
- Internship In Women's Studies

From Cal U Course Catalog:

WST200 - Introduction to Women's Studies

WST300 - Special Topics in Women's Studies

WST320 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Studies

WST330 - Examination of Gender, Race, Sexuality and Class in Media

WST340 - Violence Against Women: A Global Perspective

WST350 - Finding Our CHEA: Compassion, Happiness, Empathy, and Activism; The Science of Improving

WST400 - Capstone, Advanced Women's Studies

WST430 - Internship in Women's Studies

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

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Program Offerings:

Women and Gender Studies (minor and concentration)

B.S. Integrative Studies: Women & Gender Studies

Our Mission

The Women and Gender Studies Program at Clarion University is an interdisciplinary community where students gain an understanding of gender issues across cultures. Our values include respect for diversity, open-mindedness, and self-exploration. We strive to cultivate supportive relationships for students and faculty, to make connections between personal experience and intellectual development, and to take action for social justice. Our goal is for our graduates to be involved, informed and empowered citizens.

Dr. Deb WGS Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. Deborah Burghardt in honor of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Women and Gender Studies Program at Clarion University. The intention of this scholarship is to support students in their pursuit of feminist ideals through scholarship, personal development, and service. WGS anticipates giving out **two awards of \$550 each** for the spring 2019 grant cycle. More details to follow.

Student learning outcomes

The success of the WGS Program can now be measured by the level at which students who elect to minor or concentrate in WGS achieve the following:

Students will:

1. Demonstrate an interdisciplinary understanding of women and gender studies.
2. Analyze gender issues in a global context.
3. Recognize the gendered nature of power in interaction with race, ethnicity, class, age, ability, sexuality, region, and religion at the institutional, interpersonal and individual levels.

4. Demonstrate respect for and appreciation of differences.
5. Apply feminist theory and analysis to their major field of study.
6. Place their personal and professional experiences in a social and political context by evaluating women's and men's changing status in society.
7. Advocate for and take action to promote social justice by feel comfortable exercising leadership, asking questions and standing up for their beliefs.
8. Work collaboratively in an inclusive and civil manner, maintaining an open mind and engaging in constructive dialogue.
9. Feel a sense of community connection and support resulting from civic engagement.

From Clarion Course Catalog:

Women and Gender Studies Minor..... 18 credits To earn a minor in women and gender studies, the student must complete 18 credits of women and gender studies courses, including WGS 100: Survey of Women Studies; WGS 490: Seminar in Women Studies; and at least six other credits at the 300-400 level. Twelve credits are to be selected from:

ANTH 216: Women and Culture
 ANTH 315: Ending Poverty
 ART 216: not listed
 ED/WGS 406: not listed
 ENGL 265: not listed
 ENGL 365: Autobiographical Writing
 GEOG 315: not listed
 HIST 230: not listed (there is a HIST 314: Gender and Sexuality in Latin America in Catalog but not included in this list)
 HPE 370: HPE not listed in Catalog
 PHIL 357: Philosophy of Feminism
 PSY 220: Human Sexuality
 PSY 340: Pysch of Women
 PSY 390: Research in Gender Psych
 COM 281: Great Women Speakers
 COM 320: Communication & Gender
 SOC 311: Social Stratification
 SOC 352: The Family
 SOC 362: Race & Ethnic Relations
 SOC 452: Sex, Gender & Social
 WGS 200: Spec Top Women's & Gender Stdy
 WGS 300: Spec Topics Women's & Gender Study
 WGS 311: Gender, Violence And Activism

Students enrolled in the integrative studies degree program may earn a concentration in women and gender studies by completing 21 credits of women and gender studies courses, including WGS 100: Survey of Women and Gender Studies; and at least nine other credits at the 300-400 level. Eighteen credits are to be selected from the above list, plus

WGS 490: Seminar in Women and Gender Studies

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

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Program Offerings:

Women and Gender Studies minor

Housed under communication

18 credits

Women and Gender Studies is an academic minor that students may take in conjunction with any major course of study.

Women and Gender Studies examines the interplay of gender, race, class, and sexuality by focusing on the experience of women, the concept of gender, and the cultural productions by and about gender within specific contexts and across various identities and academic disciplines.

Students, when they take Women and Gender Studies courses, are encouraged to connect personal experiences with the broader political picture. When they identify social ills or cultural and institutional practices that need improvement, they may develop strategies for change. [The Gender and Sexuality Center](#) helps students in moving into activism in issues related to gender. Additionally, the student organization, [Feminist Alliance](#), seeks to raise awareness of gender issues on campus.

The Women and Gender Studies minor offers several annual scholarships for students who are enrolled in the program. For more information, contact Dr. Andi McClanahan at amccланahan@esu.edu. (Gender Studies Coordinator)

Our Mission

In keeping with the national women and gender studies movement and organizations, the mission of the Women and Gender Studies Minor at East Stroudsburg University is to develop an interdisciplinary academic area of study that, through specialized focus courses, examines women's experiences, perspectives, and contributions to knowledge.

A complementary mission is to transform the educational curriculum and institution in order to include the scholarship, knowledge, and perspectives of women, and other historically oppressed groups, and to enable the equal participation of those groups in the educational process.

Women and Gender Studies minor – 18 semester hours

- **Required courses:** WMST 150, 495
- **Corequisites:** 12 credits of Women Studies electives; ART 412; CMST 220; ENGL 183, 393 (Wharton / Austen / Morrison /Cather); HIST 253; HLTH 408; SMGT 403; PHIL 260; POLS 243; PSY 292; RECR 241; SOC 345, 377, SOSW 325; THTR 320; WMST 200, 310, 350; or other Women and Gender Studies courses as approved by Coordinator of Women and Gender Studies.
- At least six of the required 18 semester hours for the minor must be 300 to 400 level courses.
- A field experience/internship option, WMST 487, is available as enhancement to the Women and Gender Studies minor. These credits are in addition to the required 18 credit hours indicated above.

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This is an interdisciplinary minor designed to enhance any degree program. Women and Gender Studies seeks to recognize the diversity of human experience and examine the interplay of gender, race, class and sexuality by focusing on the experience of women, the concept of gender, and the cultural productions by and about women within different contexts and across various identities and academic disciplines.

Program Features

18 credits

Required courses:

<u>WMST 150</u>	Intro Women's Studies	3 credits
<u>WMST 495</u>	Seminar Women's Studies	3 credits

Co-requisites:

12 credits of Women and Gender Studies electives:

<u>ART 412</u>	WS: Women Artists: From the Middle Ages to the Present	3 credits
<u>CMST 220</u>	GE: WS: Gender Differences and Human Communication	3 credits
<u>ENGL 183</u>	GN: WS: Women In Literature	3 credits
<u>ENGL 393</u>	Major Writers	3 credits

<u>HIST 253</u>	GE: Women in American History	3 credits
<u>HLTH 408</u>	Women's Health Concerns	3 credits
<u>SMGT 403</u>	WS: Women Sport and the Body	3 credits
<u>PHIL 260</u>	WS: Women And Religion	3 credits
<u>POLS 243</u>	GE: Women And Politics	3 credits
<u>PSY 292</u>	Psychology Of Women	3 credits
<u>RECR 241</u>	WS: Leisure and Gender	3 credits
<u>SOC 345</u>	Sociology of Sexuality	3 credits
<u>SOC 377</u>	GE: WS: Sociology of Women	3 credits
<u>SOSW 325</u>	Crisis Intervention	3 credits
<u>THTR 320</u>	GE: WS: Women in Theatre	3 credits
<u>WMST 200</u>	Women of the African Diaspora	3 credits
<u>WMST 310</u>	Queer Topics: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality	3 credits
<u>WMST 350</u>	Feminist Theories	3 credits

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Program Offerings:

Women's Studies minor

No info/link online

PDF from 2007 of course offerings for minor:

<https://www.edinboro.edu/contentAsset/raw-data/cc9304e0-d983-4614-9200-9998b5f00ef2/fileAsset>

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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Program Offerings:

Women's and Gender Studies minor

- What is the Women's and Gender Studies minor program about? Why minor in WGS? What are the requirements for a WGS minor? What jobs and career opportunities can WGS minors get?

Study the Gendered Nature of Women's Experiences

The Women's and Gender Studies minor is designed to increase students' interdisciplinary knowledge about the gendered nature of women's experiences and the ways that all genders are shaped by history, culture, and society.

In order to achieve this goal, we offer courses using a variety of theories and methodologies and from a range of disciplines, such as anthropology, art, communication media, criminology, English, the fine arts, journalism, literature, philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies, and sociology.

We explore gendered hierarchies and the impact of gender on the experiences of women, as well as women- and gendered-centered knowledge productions and learning.

A Year of Learning and Growth

Women's and Gender Studies Showcase
[What Does Feminism Mean to You?](#)

"To me, feminism means working towards achieving global gender equality. Everyone is born equal, regardless of gender, race, or sexuality. However, there are so many aspects of life in which people are not treated equally: politically, economically, legally, and socially. Feminism is about working against the systems built to keep certain groups of people oppressed, and striving towards equality for everyone. It means fighting for intersectionality and acknowledging

how race, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status affects feminism. It means having civil conversations with people I fundamentally disagree with to try and advocate change. It means taking a meaningful stance on injustices and standing up for inequalities, even if I'm the only one standing." —*Angie Prencipe*

Challenge Traditional Theories

Students are encouraged to challenge traditional theories and research regarding women and gender through innovative and experimental classroom experiences and writing assignments. Our students analyze the world, imagine and re-envision it, and seek to enact social transformation in both theory and practice.

A minor in Women's and Gender Studies strengthens and supplements every academic major and later professional careers. Our students' awareness of gendered, sexualized, classed, and racialized hierarchies make them valuable professionals in a range of careers, from business and banking to social work and law.

- No more than two courses that count for a student's major can also count for the Women's and Gender Studies minor.
- Special topics courses that focus on Women's and Gender Studies and are offered by individual departments can count as minor electives with the approval of the director.

Jane Leonard Award for the Advancement of Women

Jane Leonard served in Indiana Normal School and is recognized for her advocacy of women's rights and progressive teaching.

Women's and Gender Studies Minor Requirements

A total of 18 credits is required. These eighteen credits must include WGS 200 – Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies.

Courses

Courses required for the Women's and Gender Studies minor, listed by semester

Scholarships

Two \$500 scholarships will be offered to women IUP students each academic year, offered by the Indiana American Association of University Women and cosponsored by the IUP Women's and Gender Studies Program.

Application for a Women's and Gender Studies Minor

To apply for a Women's and Gender Studies Minor, complete this form and deliver to 103 Stabley

Courses in Women's and Gender Studies

WMST 400 Feminist Theories

Introduces the vigorous, interdisciplinary, complex, and diverse intellectual history of feminist theories, methodologies, and politics.

WGS 301 Asian American and Asian Diasporic Literature

Introduces more than 100 years of unique, diverse, and dynamic literary tradition of the 20th and 21st Asian American and Asian diasporic women's literature in a wide range of Asian cultural, historical, and national, global, and American multiethnic contexts.

WGS 281 Girlhood Studies

Girls/Girlhood Studies is an interdisciplinary course that examines the social experience of girls mainly in American society but also makes historical and cross cultural comparisons.

WGS 200 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

An interdisciplinary survey of the ways in which gender interacts with race, age, class, ethnicity, nationality, and other dimensions of identities to shape human consciousness and determine social, political, and cultural organizations of human institutions and societies.

SOC 427 Social Perspectives on Partner Violence

Considers the range of theoretical explanations from a social perspective for the pervasive violence between intimate partners.

SOC 410 Men and Masculinities

This is a course description for SOC 410 Men and Masculinities

SOC 363 Sociology of Gender

Explores current perspectives on the situations faced by women and men, primarily in the United States.

SOC 336 Sociology of the Family

A study of family dynamics and patterns using sociological research methods and theories.

SOC 281 Girlhood Studies

Girls/Girlhood Studies is an interdisciplinary course that examines the social experience of girls mainly in American society, but also makes historical and cross-cultural comparisons.

SOC 251 Sociology of Human Sexuality

In-depth analysis of a formerly taboo topic, human sexuality.

RLST 485 Feminist Study of Religion

To better understand early twentieth-century Japanese society and culture, especially the interrelationship between the "flower and willow world," the performing and visual arts, and Shingon Buddhism

RLST 345 Women in the Bible

Surveys and examines the stories and issues concerning women in the bible.

PSYC 380 Gender and Violence

A multidisciplinary approach to understanding interpersonal violence (across the life span) as impacted by gender.

PSYC 411 Psychology of Women

A critical examination of the assumptions about women which are held by the discipline of psychology, considering both current research and individual experience.

PLSC 404 Women and Politics

Focuses on the role of women in political life and policies that especially affect women in both developing and developed countries.

PSYC 379 Human Sexuality

Provides an overview of the psychological issues and research relevant to sexuality with an emphasis on gender roles.

RLST 245 Women and Religion

Examines women's roles and experiences within some of the world's major religious traditions, both past and present.

JRNL 250 Women and the Press

Explores the role of women in American journalism. Includes study of lives/careers of women journalists and their specific contributions to the profession with emphasis on evolution of equal opportunity for women and other minorities.

HIST 495 Women and World War II

The role of women in World War II has traditionally been celebrated with the familiar image of Rosie the Riveter, the romanticized icon of the female industrial worker.

HIST 369 Women in America

A study of the activities of women from the colonial era to the modern era.

ENGL 350 Gender and Sexual Orientation in Literature, Theory, and Film

Introduces literature, film, and theory that focus primarily on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender perspectives.

ENGL 336 Language, Gender, and Society

Investigates the various ways that language and gender interact and intersect in society. Examines such questions as: Does society use language to favor one sex over the other? Why is language a crucial component in formulating constructs of masculinity and femininity? What stereotypes of gender-based language are promoted in our society? How can we analyze language to reveal disparate views and treatment of the sexes?

ENGL 225 Introduction to Literature by Women

Major trends and motifs across genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, autobiography) which reflect themes and subjects of continuing interest to women writers.

DANC 281 Women & Dance: Stripping the Veils

An interdisciplinary, multiperspective exploration into the roles of women and dance from a historical, cultural, and spiritual vantage point.

CRIM 450 Women and Crime

A study of the nature and extent of women's crime, theories of female criminality, processing of women offenders through the criminal justice system, the response of police and court officials to women as victims of crime, and opportunities for women as employees in criminal justice agencies.

COMM 325 Women in Media

Course provides an overview of women in media (including television, film, radio, the Internet, etc.) and the historical development, along with social context that influence women's involvement in the media.

ANTH 350 Anthropology of Gender

Explores the primary category of social difference into which humans are universally socialized, which is the gendered nature of women's and men's experiences in the world from an anthropological perspective.

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

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Program Offerings:

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (Minor)

WOMEN'S, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Minor

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies minor provides a multicultural, multiracial, and multi-generational look at the evolution of women's experiences. Students explore politics, sexuality, health, and education through a multidisciplinary curriculum.

The goals of the program are fundamental to all human endeavors:

- To work toward educational equity.
- To develop a curriculum and a community that is free of sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and all forms of discrimination.
- To create awareness of the worldwide contributions of women.
- To establish an educational environment that encourages personal and academic growth.

Read these testimonies from students who recently completed the WGS minor!

Students interested in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies minor can use two ENG courses for their minor, and can petition to have a third ENG course count toward the minor. English professors often teach Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and the department houses many courses that contribute to the minor:

- **ENG 132:** Contemporary Gay and Lesbian Lit.
- **ENG 221:** Jane Austen: Early Woman Novelist, Modern Media Property
- **ENG 246:** Feminist Film Theory
- **ENG 272:** Women & Violence in Cont. World Texts
- **ENG 275:** Archetypal Women in Myth & Literature
- **ENG 277:** American Women in Literature
- **WGS/ENG 274:** Women, Writing and Rhetoric
- **WGS/ENG 276:** 19th Century Women's Literature
- **WGS/ENG 278:** Women Writers Around the World
- **WGS/ENG 279:** U.S. & Canadian Women Writers
- **WGS/ENG 323:** Native American Women Writers

Students can also ask professors within the English department do WGS 310 (required for the minor), 370, 380, or 390 as Individualized Instruction courses. If you focus on gender in a course not on the minor's grid sheet and can make a case for why that course should count toward your minor, you can petition the minor's advisory board.

*youtube video on page

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMkTyFMg9zA>

WHY CHOOSE WOMEN'S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES?

The program encourages the development of an open mind, heart, and voice to all who are willing to listen. In more practical terms, WGS students strive for equity and justice within the workplace, education, and society.

Yet there are still those individuals who ask the questions: "Why WGS?" and "What makes these courses so special, and how could taking them possibly impact my life?" The answer is simple. WGS does more than just explore issues concerning women. It delves into the heart of the global expression and subordination of all marginalized populations and examines the concepts of established norms around gender and sexuality and investigates inequities. WGS forces students to design their own solutions to these problems they see every day.

"All students need to realize that social, professional and educational equity is not a benefit, but a necessity. If a university's student community could learn to become free of sexism, racism and all other forms of discrimination, they could set an example for their own, as well as the next, generation to follow.

"In the past, women and men studied history, science, the arts, the social sciences, even women, entirely from the perspective of men. All of our knowledge about ourselves and the world we live in was 'man-made.' Women's Studies corrects, but does not reject this information; in fact, it complements all disciplines. It draws on all fields and places women's experiences at the center of the curriculum."...*Dr. Angela Scanzello, Kutztown University Professor Emerita*

Course checklist: <http://app.kutztown.edu/checksheets/checksheet/UACAWOMST2-2162>

From Course Catalog:

Required Courses:

WGS 010 Intro To Women's Studies

WGS 310 Seminar in Women's Studies

Electives:

ANT 215 Genders Across Cultures
ANT/SOC 232 Marriage in Cr-Cult. Persp.
COM 341 Voices of American Women
CRJ 231 Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice
ENG 132 Contemporary Gay and Lesbian Lit.
ENG 221 Jane Austen
ENG 272 Women & Violence in Con.World
ENG 277 American Women in Literature
FRE 361 Women in French Literature
HIS 204 Women in African History
HIS 241 History of Women in America
MGM 318 Women in Management
PHI 245 Human Love and Sexual Morality
PSY 205 Psychology of the Black Experience
PSY 208 Psychology of Gender
PSY 215 Psychology of Prejudice
SOC 120 Marriage and Family
SOC 235 Sociology of Gender
SPA 368 Caribbean: Race, Gender & Cult. Po
SPT 111 American Women in Sport
WGS 250 Women & Leadership
WGS 370 Selected Topics in WGS
WGS 380 Independent Study in WGS
WGS 390 Internship in WGS
WGS/ARH 318 Picturing Gender
WGS/COM 130 Interpersonal Communicatio
WGS/COM 145 Non-verbal Communication
WGS/COM 237 Women Writers in Perform.

WGS/COM261 Intro. To Health Comm.
WGS/COM 271 Sexualities and Comm.
WGS/COM 285 Gender Communication
WGS/COM 287 Family Communication
WGS/COM 350 Leadership
WGS/EDU 228 Women in Education
WGS/ENG 138 Literature Banned in Iran
WGS/ENG 246 Feminist Film Theory
WGS/ENG 274 Women, Writing and Rhetori
WGS/ENG 275 Archetypal Wom in Myth &
WGS/ENG 276 19th Cent. Women's Lit.
WGS/ENG 278 Women Writers Around Wor
WGS/ENG 279 U.S. & Canadian Wom Write
WGS/ENG 410 Feminist Literary Theory
WGS/FRE 226 Women & New Québécois Novel
WGS/HUM 211 Women in the Arts
WGS/MAT 045 Women in Mathematics
WGS/MUS 209 Women in Music
WGS/POL 216 Law & Sex-Based Discrimination
WGS/SOC 217 LGBTQ Studies

Lockhaven University of Pennsylvania

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Program Offerings:

Women and Gender Studies

This interdisciplinary program is taught by faculty from a variety of departments and allows you to graduate with a minor in Women and Gender Studies.

Program Type: Minor College of Liberal Arts and Education

About the Minor

The Women and Gender Studies minor gives you the opportunity to earn an undergraduate minor in the program in three different pathways. You decide which pathway you want by identifying the introductory course you wish to take. Based on the introductory course you take, you can register for a Women's Studies pathway, a Gender Studies pathway, and a Women and Gender Studies pathway.

Program Highlights

- **Scholarships:** We are excited to offer a scholarship for Women and Gender Studies minors made possible by the generous gift of Associate Professor Emerita Virginia Martin. For more information on the scholarship, please contact wgsminor@lockhaven.edu
- **Virginia Martin Gender Issues Essay Contest:** We hold an annual essay contest, open to all current LHU students. The winners of the contest are announced at the annual Let Her Voice Be Heard, one of the events that WGS co-sponsors. The Virginia Martin Gender Issues Essay Contest is made possible by a gift from Associate Professor Emerita Virginia Martin who retired from the LHU English department and is an early pioneer of the Women's Studies program at LHU.
- **Let Her Voice Be Heard:** This annual reading of writings by women is held in partnership with other campus clubs and organizations. The program invites students to read their own work, or work by female writers, and is usually held at a local café.
- **Denim Day:** Since 2014, LHU has participated in Denim Day. A grass-roots movement, Denim Day is an international response to an Italian Supreme Court's decision that a young woman had not been raped because she was wearing jeans and would have had to help remove them. To participate, simply wear jeans as a reminder that clothes are never an invitation to rape. There are also "Denim Day" stickers across campus to wear in support of the movement.

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

Three tracks/concentrations in minor:

Women's Studies

This Pathway focuses primarily on gender. You will take Introduction to Women's Studies and a capstone, as well as 4 other courses of their choosing.

Topics covered include:

- Anthropology of Women
- S. Women's History
- Psychology of Women

Sexuality Studies

This Pathway focuses primarily on sexuality. You will take Introduction to LGBTQ Studies and a capstone, as well as 4 other courses of their choosing.

Topics covered include:

- Gender and the Mass Media
- Changing Roles of Male & Female
- Humanities Seminar-Gender and Performance
Women and Gender Studies

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Women and Gender Studies

This Pathway focuses on both gender and sexuality. You will take Introduction to Women's Studies, Introduction to LGBTQ Studies, and a capstone, along with 3 other courses of their choosing.

Topics covered include:

- Philosophy of Feminism
- Women, Technology, and the Information Age
- Women's Health Issues

Newsletter: up to date online newsletter:

http://www.lockhaven.edu/womenandgender/wgsnews/wgs_news.html

From Lockhaven Course Catalog:

Pathway 1 :Women's Studies

Required:

WMST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies

WMST 499 Independent Study Capstone Project

Electives: (Select 4 courses – 12 SH)

ANTH 328 Anthropology of Women

ENGL 328 Humanities Seminar*

ENGL 400 Adv Topics in British Lit*

ENGL 402 Adv Topics in American Lit*

ENGL 404 Adv Topics in World Lit*

ENGL 425 Major American Writers*

ENGL 435 Major British Writers*

HIST 318 US Women's History

HIST 328 Social Science Seminar

HLTH 430 Women's Health Issues

MCOM 210 Gender and the Mass Media

MCOM 330 Cultural Studies in Mass Communication

PHIL 328 Philosophy of Feminism

PSYC 425 Psychology of Women

SOCI 328 Changing Roles of Male and Female

SOCW 413 Women in Crisis

THEA 328 Humanities Seminar: Gender and Performance

Pathway 2: Gender Studies

Required:

WMST 110 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

WMST 499 Independent Study Capstone Project

Electives: (Select 4 courses – 12 SH)

ENGL 328 Humanities Seminar*

ENGL 400 Adv Topics in British Lit*

ENGL 402 Adv Topics in American Lit*

ENGL 404 Adv Topics in World Lit*

ENGL 425 Major American Writers*

ENGL 435 Major British Writers*

HIST 328 Social Science Seminar

HLTH 430 Women's Health Issues

MCOM 210 Gender and the Mass Media

MCOM 330 Cultural Studies in Mass Communication

SOCI 328 Changing Roles of Male and Female

THEA 328 Humanities Seminar: Gender and Performance

Pathway 3: Women and Gender Studies

Required:

WMST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies

WMST 110 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

WMST 499 Independent Study Capstone Project

Electives: (Select 3 courses – 9 SH)

ANTH 328 Anthropology of Women

ENGL 328 Humanities Seminar*

ENGL 400 Adv Topics in British Lit*

ENGL 402 Adv Topics in American Lit*

ENGL 404 Adv Topics in World Lit*

ENGL 425 Major American Writers*

ENGL 435 Major British Writers*

HIST 318 US Women's History

HIST 328 Social Science Seminar

HLTH 430 Women's Health Issues

MCOM 210 Gender and the Mass Media

MCOM 330 Cultural Studies in Mass Communication

PHIL 328 Philosophy of Feminism

PSYC 425 Psychology of Women

SOCI 328 Changing Roles of Male and Female

SOCW 413 Women in Crisis

THEA 328 Humanities Seminar: Gender and Performance

THEA 328 Humanities Seminar: Women and Theatre

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Program Offerings:

Women's studies minor

https://www.mansfield.edu/womens-studies/womens-studies-minor.cfm?cssearch=63414_1

Mansfield University offers individual Women's Studies courses and an 18 hour academic minor in area of studies.

Women's Studies courses focus on and analyze women's experiences, emphasize a collaborative relationship between instructors and students, and encourage students to connect issues raised in the classroom to their own lives.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Core Requirement:

- WS 1100- Introduction to Women's Studies

Choose one Humanities Course:

- ENG 3326- Women's Literature
- ENG 3328- Lesbian and Gay Literature
- HST2210- American Women's History
- HST 3313- Women in European History
- HST 3325- History of Witches and Witch Hunts
- MU 2205- Women in Music

Choose one Social Sciences Course:

- COM 3334- Gender and Communication
- NUR 4402- Women's Health Issues
- PSY 3309- Stereotypes and Prejudice
- PSY 4422- Psychology of Women
- SOC 2232- American Family Systems
- SOC 3310- Sociology of Sex and Gender

Choose two electives from the courses listed below. Any of the courses listed above, and/or courses cross-listed with Women's Studies.

- ENG 2220- Special Topics in Literature
- ENG 3305- Comparative Literature
- ENG 3307- Literature in English from Around the World
- ENG 3320- Special Topics in Literature
- ENG 4401- Seminar in Library Studies
- HST 3294- Topics in American History
- HST 3295- Topics in Global History
- HST 3296- Topics in European History
- HST 3326- History of Women and Television

Capstone Course:

- WS 4410- Seminar in Women's Studies

Criteria for Inclusion of Courses in the Women's Studies Minor:

The Women's Studies Committee has created the following guidelines for Women's Studies courses at Mansfield University. Women's Studies courses will be taught from a feminist perspective in that they meet some, if not all, of the following guidelines:

1. The course puts women and women's experiences at the center of study.
2. The course considers "traditional" research or canons from the perspective of gender
3. The course incorporates gender theories of inequality.
4. The course is taught from a cross-cultural perspective, utilizing content and possibly pedagogical approaches from a diversity of cultures (both North American, i.e. African-American, Hispanic, Native American and Asian-American, and international cultures).
5. The course demonstrates a recognition that the marginalization of women is comparable to that of other groups marginalized because of race, social class, ethnicity, and sexual identity.
6. The course includes current scholarship on and by women.
7. The course recognizes a connection between the private or domestic and public spheres of life.
8. The course recognizes the link between its content and other disciplines (perhaps through including some material from other disciplines or by taking an interdisciplinary approach).
9. Teaching methods for the course include efforts to focus on student empowerment and to decentralize authority in the classroom (e.g. collaborative learning).

***Please note: The Women's Studies Steering Committee sees criteria #1 as absolutely crucial and requires that at least half of the materials studied in a literature class be written by women and that at least half of the course content be about women.

Millersville University of Pennsylvania

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Program Offerings:

Women's and Gender Studies Minor

Degree: Minor

Explore how social, historical and psychological forces have shaped women in Millersville University's Women's and Gender Studies minor.

Why Study This Program?

The minor program in Women's and Gender Studies at Millersville University is dedicated to incorporating new scholarship on women and gender into the University curriculum. Active in the classroom, the laboratory, the archive and the field—faculty and students work together to investigate women's experiences and gender relations across a wide array of disciplines.

Graduates have found themselves well prepared to pursue advanced degrees, gain employment in community service agencies, engage in artistic expression in the creative arts and assume leadership roles and positions in business and government.

What Will You Learn?

Students should expect to learn about the diverse experiences of women across different economic classes, sexual orientations and cultural and racial backgrounds within this minor. In the classroom, faculty reach across divisions of historical, political, economic, representational, technological and scientific analysis in order to offer students innovative methods and theories that enhance the broad reach of their studies and their everyday lives.

Women's and Gender Studies

About Us

The Program in Women's and Gender Studies at Millersville University is dedicated to incorporating new scholarship on women and gender into the university curriculum. Active in the classroom—as well as in the laboratory, the archive, and, the field—faculty and students work together to investigate women's experiences and gender relations across a wide array of disciplines.

In the classroom, as in our research, we reach across divisions of historical, political, economic, representational, technological, and scientific analysis in order to offer

students innovative methods and theories that enhance the broad reach of their studies and their everyday lives.

Students probe how social, historical, and psychological forces, organized by gender, shape individuals, communities, and societies. Learning about the diverse experiences of women of different economic classes, sexual orientations, and cultural, and racial backgrounds, students transfer the critical and analytical skills they develop in the study of gender and society to their other classes and beyond the classroom to other activities on campus and in the broader community. Courses and events sponsored by Women and Gender Studies provide valuable resources for all members of the university community.

Many students identify courses in the Women and Gender Studies Program as among the most exciting and enlightening they take at Millersville. The women and men who enroll in our classes each semester find their background in Women and Gender Studies to be a valuable resource for their professional development and lifelong intellectual growth. Graduates have found themselves well prepared to pursue advanced degrees and training in the professions, to gain employment in community service agencies, to engage in artistic expression in the creative arts, and to assume leadership roles and positions in business and government.

Are you considering a minor in Women's and Gender Studies? Check out the [Academic Minor in Womens and Gender Studies Form](#) to view what is required. Search the list of available courses for the desired semester under "WSTU" of the [web schedule](#) . You are also welcome to view course descriptions and requirements starting on page 248 in the Undergraduate Catalog. Simply, complete the [Academic Minor Form](#) and make it happen!

Form: <https://www.millersville.edu/advisement/files/minors/intdept-wmnstidy.pdf>

Required Courses:

Intro to Women's Studies

Feminist Theory

Choose one of the following:

Feminist Research --or-- Senior Seminar WSTU

Info from Millersville Course Catalog:

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Associate Professor Christine Filippone, Coordinator

Students electing the minor must take Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (WSTU 220) and Feminist Theory (WSTU 330) as well as Feminist Research Methods in WSTU (WSTU 345) or Senior Seminar (WSTU 488) and three other electives from an approved list. The minor complements many majors and can be completed as students fulfill general education requirements. Students taking courses in women's and gender

studies will benefit by having a more complete education, a greater appreciation for women's contributions, a greater sense of life options for women and a fuller understanding of gender and its role in human life. Expertise in women's and gender studies will help students successfully handle gender-based power dynamics in all professions as well as prepare them for jobs in women-centered areas of health, social work, education, psychology, journalism, politics, public administration and business.

Women's Studies Minor: 18 s.h.

Required courses: WSTU 220, 330 and 345 or 488, plus three courses to be selected from the list of approved courses, at least one of which must be at the 300 level or above. Students will pick courses to satisfy the electives after consultation with their women's studies advisor.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

WSTU 220: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

WSTU 330: Feminist Theory

WSTU 345: Feminist Research Methods in Women's and Gender Studies

WSTU 391: Women in Mathematics and Science

WSTU 488: Women's and Gender Studies Senior Seminar

WSTU 491: Topics in Women's and Gender Studies

WSTU 498: 1-6 Independent Study

APPROVED WOMEN'S STUDIES COURSES

ANTH 344: Gender, Race and Class

BUAD 405: Topics: Gender and Diversity

COMM 330: Media and Women's Culture

COMM 333: Gender and Communication

ECON 327: Women and Global Economic Development

EDFN 312: Women and Education: Socialization and Liberation

EDFN 376: Whose School Is It, Anyway?

EDUC 433: Gender and Race Issues in Children's Literature

ENGL 331: Topics: American Women Writers

ENGL 337: Women Writers in the Middle Ages

ENGL 416: The Woman Writer and Her World

ENGL 429: Seminar: Black Women Writers

ENGL 435: Journalism Through Women's Perspectives

GOVT 408: Seminar: Women in Global Politics

HIST 210: Women in Western Civilization

HIST 250: Women in American History

NURS 316: Women, Health and Healthcare

PHIL 391: Gender, Utopia and Human Behavior

SOCY 329: Topics: Feminist Theory

SOCY 337: Topics: Gender and the Law

SOWK 312: Social Work and Women's Strengths, Opportunities and Challenges
SOWK 313: Family Violence
SSCI 212: The Black Woman

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

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Program Offerings:

Women's & Gender Studies Minor

Disabilities Studies Minor

Women's and Gender Studies Certificate

Women's & Gender Studies

Women's & Gender Studies is a multi-disciplinary program that explores topics concerning women and gender differences as analyzed by the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Scholarship is inclusive and explores the varying racial, ethnic, and class backgrounds of women. Women's & Gender Studies analyzes the experiences of women and men with respect to sociocultural, social psychological, and biological factors that influence the construction and representation of gender.

Women's & Gender Studies courses often involve the investigation of materials previously neglected by scholars, and new methodological and critical approaches to materials customarily treated in other ways. Such courses may thus propose revisions in the content, methods, assumptions, and theories of particular disciplines in light of recent feminist scholarship.

The Women's and Gender Studies Minor is a strong complement to all majors because employers want applicants with knowledge of both gender issues and cultural diversity.

Our graduates find opportunities in these areas and more:

- Business administration/management
- Health fields
- Education
- Communication
- Criminal justice
- Politics
- Law
- Social work
- Counseling

You must complete 18 credits, including two required courses. The interdisciplinary nature of the program allows you to take electives from many different fields of study. Courses explore the intersections of:

- Gender
- Race
- Class
- Ethnicity
- Sexuality
- Social and cultural institutions

Through this program you can also find opportunities for research, internships, involvement in student groups and leadership and service opportunities. The Shippensburg University Women's Center has plenty of chances to get involved.

Women's and Gender Studies Certificate

A Women's and Gender Studies Certificate can help your resume stand out, and it only requires 12 credits. Employers want applicants with knowledge of both gender issues and cultural diversity.

Completing this certificate can benefit students in any major.

You must complete 12 credits, including two required courses. The interdisciplinary nature of the program allows you to take electives from many different fields of study. Courses explore the intersections of:

- Gender
- Race
- Class
- Ethnicity
- Sexuality
- Social and cultural institutions

Through this program, you can find lots of leadership and service opportunities and involvement with student groups, such as the Shippensburg University Women's Center.

Women's and Gender Studies Program (from catalog):

Women's and Gender Studies offers an interdisciplinary program that examines the diverse experiences of women in the U.S. and globally, both past and present. Many courses in the program also critically examine the meanings of gender as a culturally constructed category of identity. The core courses and wide range of electives explore the intersections of gender, race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality, as well as the social and cultural institutions that shape women's and men's lives. Courses in WST

investigate previously neglected materials, and apply new methodological, critical, and theoretical approaches in order to analyze and explain the role and status of women in society, and the impact of gendered practices within societies and cultures.

Our undergraduate WST minor is designed to provide you with basic groundwork in the field of Women's and Gender Studies; you will gain a combination of skills that can be used in diverse fields and across disciplines. You will gain an increased understanding of human diversity, especially gender diversity, that will help prepare you for our continuously changing global society. Through required coursework, research, electives in your own area of interest, internships, extracurricular activities, and leadership and service opportunities, you will gain knowledge and experience that will complement and enhance your major field of study.

Students with multicultural Women's and Gender Studies experience will have an advantage as potential employees, since employers will increasingly seek applicants with knowledge of both gender issues and cultural diversity. The Women's and Gender Studies minor will help prepare you to work with a wide variety of people and anticipate their changing needs. Graduates of the Women's and Gender Studies minor find opportunities in business administration and management, advertising, health fields, education, journalism, criminology, social work, counseling, psychology, politics, law, and international affairs.

Certificate

Women's and Gender Studies Certificate

Students can earn a Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies by completing the two core courses (WST 100 and WST 300) and two of the approved electives, which must come from two different disciplines. One course may be double-counted toward the student's major and the WST Certificate. Verification of the WST Certificate will appear on the student's transcript. Three courses must be taken at Shippensburg University.

Minor

Women's and Gender Studies Minor

18 crs.

Core Requirements (6 crs.)

- WST 100 - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
- WST 300 - Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies

Approved Electives (12 crs.)

- ANT 312 - Comparative Marriage and Family
- ANT 320 - Comparative Gender Roles

- COM 245 - Diversity and the Media
- COM 410 - Women and the Media
- CRJ 326 - Victimology: The Victim and the Law
- CRJ 363 - Intimate Partner Violence
- CRJ 466 - Women and Criminal Justice
- ECO 303 - Labor Economics: Theory and Policy
- ENG 345 - Women's Literature
- ENG 370 - Queer Studies
- HCS 335 - Popular Culture and Gender Construction
- HCS 340 - Gender and Communication
- HCS 410 - Feminist Perspectives on Communication Theory and Research Methods
- HIS 318 - History of U.S. Women
- HIS 407 - Women in Comparative Perspective
- MAT 400 - History of Mathematics
- PLS 324 - Women in American Politics
- PSY 410 - Psychology and Women (Effective Spring 2020: Psychology of Women and Gender)
- SOC 257 - American Families (Effective Spring 2020: Family in Modern Society)
- SOC 258 - Women's Roles and Status
- SOC 320 - Sociology of Disability
- SOC 435 - Gender, Organizations, and Leadership
- SOC 445 - Sexuality and Sexual Orientation: A Social Approach
- SWK 265 - Understanding Diversity for Social Work Practice
- SWK 359 - Social Work Elective: Violence in Interpersonal Relationships
- SWK 420 - Gender Issues for Helping Professionals
- WST 200 - Independent Study in Women's and Gender Studies
- WST 390 - Internship in Women's and Gender Studies

Note:

To complete the Women's and Gender Studies minor, students will take the two core courses (WST 100 and WST 300) and four of the approved electives. These four electives must come from at least two different disciplines. Two courses may be double-counted toward the student's major and the WST minor. Two elective courses must be at the 300 or 400 level. Five courses must be taken at Shippensburg University.

Additional electives and special topics courses continue to be developed by affiliated Women's and Gender Studies faculty.

Disability Studies Minor

The Disability Studies Minor provides students with a cutting-edge, interdisciplinary body of knowledge and skills geared toward the exploration of the meaning and impact of disability across time, place, and group. As a field akin to Women's and Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies, Disability Studies sees individuals with disabilities as a valuable and integral part of the human community, and it examines the ways in which understandings of disability shape the fundamental aspects of our lives, relationships, and societies. In addition, the program raises awareness of disability issues, knowledge of disability rights and laws, and best practices towards creative toward inclusive and accessible environments and communities. The knowledge and skills gained will prepare students for disability-related careers and advanced study in disability studies, and will enhance and deepen their understanding of the multicultural fabric of contemporary society.

18 crs.

Core Requirements (6 crs.)

To complete the Disability Studies minor, students will take the two core courses (DS 100 and DS 400) and four of the approved electives. Elective coursework must represent at least two academic disciplines (defined by course prefix). At least six credits of the minor coursework must be at the 300 or 400 level. At least 50% of the courses for the minor must be taken at Shippensburg University.

- DS 100 - Introduction to Disability Studies
- DS 400 - Capstone in Disability Studies

Approved Electives (12 crs.)

- ASL 101 - American Sign Language
- ASL 102 - American Sign Language II
- ANT 350 - Medical Anthropology
- COM 245 - Diversity and the Media
- CRJ 377 - Hate Crime
- CRJ 326 - Victimology: The Victim and the Law
- CRJ 381 - Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System

- DS 391 - Internship in Disability Studies
- DS 392 - Internship in Disability Studies II
- EEC 273 - Introduction to Exceptionalities: Understanding Diverse Learners
- EEC 280 - Best Practices in Collaboration: Educators, Families, & Related Service Providers
- EEC 423 - Effective Instructional Strategies for Children with Exceptionalities
- ENG 362 - Disability in Literature
- GRN 100 - Introduction to Gerontology
- HCS 333 - Communicating Identity Credits: 3
- HCS 335 - Popular Culture and Gender Construction
- HCS 410 - Feminist Perspectives on Communication Theory and Research Methods
- HON 411 - Honors: Introduction to Exceptionalities: Understanding Diverse Learners
- MGT 340 - Human Resource Management
- MGT 346 - Human Resource Management Law
- PSY 315 - Psychology of Prejudice and the Minority Experience
- PSY 355 - Psychology of the Exceptional Child
- PSY 365 - Multicultural Psychology
- SWK 265 - Understanding Diversity for Social Work Practice
- SWK 347 - Special Fields of Social Work: Behavioral Health
- SWK 351 - Social Work Elective: Aging
- SWK 356 - Social Work Elective: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- SWK 420 - Gender Issues for Helping Professionals
- SWK 450 - Social Welfare Policies and Services
- SOC 257 - American Families (Effective Spring 2020: Family in Modern Society)
- SOC 320 - Sociology of Disability
- SOC 369 - Medical Sociology
- SOC 371 - Social Dynamics of Aging
- SOC 445 - Sexuality and Sexual Orientation: A Social Approach

Slippery Rock University

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Program Offerings:

Minor in Gender Studies

BS Interdisciplinary Programs: Gender and Diversity Studies

Our Vision: To prepare students as scholars, professionals, and social justice advocates to become agents of positive change for a diverse and inclusive global future.

Mission Statement: The Gender Studies Program provides interdisciplinary opportunities to understand gender in intersectional contexts and to analyze structural and systemic forms of privilege and oppression. Student-scholars share, present and publish their work and develop as professionals and leaders as they become life-long learners in the best sense of that term: curious, committed, respectful of diverse perspectives and passionate about their ability to make our world a better place.

What will you learn as a Gender Studies student?

You'll learn how identity markers like race, class, and gender impact individual lives, social group formation, and patterns of power and privilege. You will:

- Develop an awareness of and an ability to address sensitive issues with respect for and understanding of diverse perspectives, values and backgrounds
- Gain an understanding of how power structures are created, maintained and challenged within cultural, economic, historical and political contexts
- Learn to think critically about and gain an appreciation of the culturally specific experiences of sex, gender, race, and other identity categories
- Apply what you've learned to social, professional and community environments
- Participate in internships to apply what you've learned, acquire practical experience in the workforce, and create professional networks.

Gender Studies Minor Requirement (18 credits)

Students are required to take

GNDR 115: Intro Gender Studies Introduction to Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary course that offers a foundation for an intersectional analyses of gender within the context of systems and structures of power and oppression.

And five additional courses from the following:

EGEO 368 Women in Science This course will explore the issues of women in science. Specifically it will address the issues of gender in relation to the theory and practice of science and technology. The course content will use case studies to explore women that have made significant contributions to science despite barriers limiting their access to education and professional organizations. The content will cover topics including how the development of educational systems and professions affected women over the centuries, how scientific approaches have evolved, and how women meet challenges in today's scientific community. The case studies will provide students with the opportunity to analyze and synthesize the information presented into an understanding on the evolution of scientific thought and women's roles in science.

ENGL 243 Literature of the Women's Movement Women authors from various periods read with a woman's perspective on the world. Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and 210 or English Major status

GERO 425 Women and Aging Examines the effects of women growing older in a changing society. Social, psychological, physical, economic, cultural, and political implications will be discussed, including health concerns, changing roles, and discrimination.

GES 105 World Regional Geography – designated sections This course provides an introduction to the regional concept, classification of major culture regions throughout the world and a description of the physiocultural character of those regions. This section integrates a focus on gender in an intersectional context.

GES 361 Gender & the Environment Gender and the Environment will explore the ways that human interaction with the natural environment is shaped by gender roles and gender inequality in cultures around the world. Topics covered will include gender differences in resource access, connections between environmental degradation and women's oppression, cultural metaphors that link nature and gender (e.g. "mother earth") and the way that gender shapes environmental movements. One other Geography or Gender Studies course.

GNDR 120: Intro Study Masculinities This course introduces and explores the topic of masculinity as a subject for critical study. In the course, students will read about and discuss how masculinities are constructed, presented and reproduced in media and popular culture. This course is meant for and open to everyone interested in taking a critical approach to the study of gender in societies, with specific focus on how (especially american) masculinities shape and are shaped by identity, culture, media, war, politics and economics.

GNDR 280: Intro Disability Studies An introduction to the field of Disability Studies, which rejects medical paradigms and instead analyzes disability as a social, cultural and

ideological phenomenon, with an intersectional and interdisciplinary focus on gender, race and socioeconomic status.

GNDR 340: Applied Queer Studies An introduction to the field of queer studies with an applied focus (on race, disability, age, ethnicity, transnational issues) in an intersectional and interdisciplinary context. The course analyzes the historical, cultural, political and discursive production of LGBTQAI+ identities, heteronormativity as a form of control, and LGBTQAI+ activism and advocacy.

GNDR 400: Gender Studies and Porn Culture Integrating feminist, sociological, media, marketing, neurological, and philosophical perspectives, the course analyzes the social implications of porn consumption, porn production and methods of porn distribution, including technological developments (for example, 3D software developments and the use of artificial intelligence in sex dolls). While gender organizes the analytic approaches of the course, it considers other embodied and intersectional identities as well.

GNDR 415 Feminist Perspectives in the Disciplines This course will explore feminist approaches to pedagogy and research in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, highlighting how such approaches reshape and redirect the ways knowledge is constructed as well as the attendant, transformed results.

GNDR 450 Internship Professional experiences, such as working with the Girl Scouts or state National Organization for Women (NOW), or working in a women's center or abuse/sexual assault center, that will allow students to either apply or function within a feminist framework to understand the complexity of women's lives and contribute to women's opportunities.

GNDR 490 Independent Study Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. Students work one on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

HIST 313 History of Manhood in America An examination of expressions of manhood in American History from the colonial era to the present. Through the use of gender as a category of historical analysis, students will study notions of manhood in social relations, sexuality, the economy and politics.

HIST 318 Gender and Sexuality in European Society This course examines gender and sexuality in European society with emphasis on the relationship between ideas about gender and sexuality and their social and cultural manifestations.

HIS T 319 History of Women to 1750 An analysis of women from the earliest civilizations to 1750 through the examination of the lives of ordinary and outstanding women from different levels of the social order.

HLTH 211 Women's Health Issues Examines the role of women as consumers and as both formal and informal providers of health services.

MUSI 301 Women and Music

PHIL 336 Philosophy of Gender and Sex This course will examine concepts, values and assumptions relevant to gender and sex in our diverse society. topics to be explored may include the ontological status of gender and sex; the cultural representations of masculinity, femininity and sexuality; or the relationship between gender, society and power, and its epistemological and ethical consequences.

POLS 313 Gay and Lesbian Politics

POLS 349 Utopian Experiments: Issues of Gender and Power This course will examine the various alternative plans for the intentional restructuring of society as exhibited in the works of utopian theorists.

POLS 375 Women and Politics The course will examine the effect of socialization and the impact of culture on women, gender differences in patterns of political participation; legal, political and social rights of women; and the effects of the political system upon the lives of women and their families.

INDP 339 Gender Roles and Society An examination of gender roles, what they are, how they develop and how they are maintained. An examination of the effects of gender roles on education, occupation, the polity and other institutions as well as the effects of role restrictions of personal relationships. Note: This course is taught from either a sociological or anthropological viewpoint. The student should check with the instructor to determine the approach being taken in the current offering.

INDP 360 Women in Asian Societies Students will have an opportunity to gain an in depth understanding of the issues surrounding the roles and status of women in a rapidly changing Asia; from both a historic and a current context. These issues, which are political, religious, economic, health, social justice and legal, among others are vital for women in Asia, their societies as well as this ever globalizing world.

PSYC 300 Psychology of Women, Gender & Culture Overview of psychological perspectives and current research concerning the field of the psychology of women and gender. Topics related to the role of culture in the social construction of gender will be emphasized. Topics include similarities and differences between women and men, gender development, emotions, relationships, sexuality, education and work, health and fitness, psychological distress, and social roles.

PSYC 315 Psychology of Gender and Sexual Diversity Overview of psychological perspectives and current research concerning the field of lesbian, gay, bisexual,

transgender and queer psychology. The course takes a life-span developmental perspective and examines the diversity of gender and sexual identities. Topics include theories of sexual orientation and gender identity, oppression and discrimination, history of the Queer community and the coming out process.

BS Interdisciplinary Studies: Gender and Diversity Studies

<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/gender-and-diversity-studies-interdisciplinary-programs>

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Program Offerings:

Major in Women's and Gender Studies

Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

For almost fifty years, **Women's and Gender Studies at West Chester University** has integrated the valuable life experiences of those people who have been traditionally neglected in academia:

- women,
- people of color,
- LGBTQA people,
- indigenous people, and
- people of the global south

We continue this tradition by encouraging our students to incorporate their own voices and experiences into their studies, which helps students understand their own identities in relation to society and culture. It is through this shared understanding that sustainable social change begins, develops, and perseveres.

One way change occurs is within your engagement with others. Today, employers seek people who can effectively address diverse issues and diverse people. Many disciplines teach you about the importance of diversity. Our program will not only do this, but will also teach you the language and skills you need to create and facilitate a respectful space for all of your future clients, patients, employees, or students.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

In this major and minor, students learn about, analyze, and apply:

Intersectionality

How categories of identity (race, class, gender, age, ability, sexuality, nationality, etc.) and structures of inequality are historically and currently experienced, represented, and resisted by people

Transnational Feminisms

How the theoretical issues examined through intersectional feminism are produced in specific cultural global contexts

Gender

How gender operates in our lives—as women, men, and those for whom those categories do not apply

West Chester University offers a major (30 credits) and a minor (18 credits) in Women's and Gender Studies. **From Course Catalog:**

WOS 100. Body Politics: Gender, Culture, and Representation. 3 Credits.

This course examines the body as a contested site of both pleasure and oppression. Considerable focus will be placed on the impact of culture on our understandings of the body, including ideas about gender, race, and sexuality. Students of all genders will be encouraged to explore how their own body image has been shaped by social norms that are simultaneously accepted and resisted. This course thereby provides an opportunity to question a variety of norms surrounding the body, including ideas about beauty, size, shape and ability.

WOS 225. Intro to Women's and Gender Studies. 3 Credits.

An interdisciplinary course designed to enable students to analyze the lived experience of women, to evaluate the impact of gender, to question the implications of changing cultural patterns, and to sample first-hand efforts for social change. Satisfies interdisciplinary requirement. Offered every semester.

WOS 250. Women's Self Representation. 3 Credits.

An interdisciplinary approach to ways women record their lives.

WOS 276. Sexual Identity. 3 Credits.

Interdisciplinary introduction to meanings attached to human sexuality, exploring intersections between theories of sexual identity and theories of gender, class, race, ethnicity, age, and nationality.

WOS 305. Intellectual Roots of Western Feminism. 3 Credits.

The course examines the major issues and themes that have historically been included in feminist theorizing about women's situation and experiences, including: ethical foundations, the origins of patriarchy, feminist epistemology, education, body issues, issues of difference, religion, civil rights, and psychological development.

Chronologically, the course covers from the enlightenment (Mary Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*) through Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*.

WOS 306. Transnational Feminisms. 3 Credits.

This course critically engages a range of transnational feminist theories, movements, and praxis to analyze structures of power shaping people's lives in global contexts. The course seeks to decenter a body of feminist scholarship that often assumes shared visions of gender equality. Such studies conceptualize gender issues and concerns through a Eurocentric/colonial viewpoint by overlooking differences among people with respect to race, class, sexuality, and nationality. Course readings explore the ethics of cross-cultural knowledge production, activism, warfare, commodification of women's bodies, sexualities, and local resources. The main goals of the course are to expose students to a broad range of feminist thought and action and locate transnational feminist theories in relation to colonial and post-colonial narratives. It urges students to examine their own positions within global systems that connect the (often uneven) exchange of persons, capital, and ways of knowing.

WOS 310. Women and Activism. 3 Credits.

Although often misrepresented or ignored, women were and continue to be active in a wide range of social justice movements. This course focuses specifically upon women activists in the United States and their resistance to structural inequalities based upon gender. In addition to social justice movements focused on sexism, this course uses intersectional theory to recognize the feminist value of women who work against racial, economic, sexual, and other oppressions.

WOS 315. Women of the Global South. 3 Credits.

This course will examine the nature of women's lives in the global South, focusing on topics such as family, education, health, development policies, and political change. Geographic areas studied include Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

WOS 320. Independent Study. 3 Credits.

Independent research and study for upper-division students. Topic to be approved by supervising faculty member.

WOS 325. Special Topics. 3 Credits.

Selected (and changing) topics, e.g., Ethnic Women; Women and Work; Love and Sexuality. Offered as projected enrollments warrant.

WOS 326. Women and Witchcraft in Africa. 3 Credits.

This course utilizes witchcraft belief and accusation as a lens through which to examine the oppression of women in sub-Saharan Africa. It examines historical and contemporary beliefs and manifestations of witchcraft, and analyzes the centrality of women (and children) as victims. It also examines the impact of witchcraft accusation on women's social and economic development.

WOS 329. Gender and Peace. 3 Credits.

An examination of the ways in which social constructions of gender intersect with perceptions and the experience of war.

WOS 335. Gender, Race and Science. 3 Credits.

A course on the role of gender and race in the formation of science.

WOS 350. Lesbian Studies. 3 Credits.

This course offers an interdisciplinary introduction to lesbian studies that focuses on the historical and contemporary diversity of lesbian genders and sexualities, especially as shaped by race, class, culture, and nation. Special attention will be placed upon lesbian activism as well as contestations within lesbian communities about racism, classism, and cissexism.

WOS 366. Gender, Labor and Globalization. 3 Credits.

Sociological and feminist analysis of global labor issues such as immigration, citizenship, motherhood, childcare, emotional labor, guest workers, commodification, and exploitation.

WOS 381. The Forgotten Queens of Islam. 3 Credits.

For the past 1,400 years, women have had a profound impact on institutions and ideologies in the Islamic world. They have mastered branches of knowledge, produced

works of culture, amassed wealth, and even ruled as queens. In this course, students will read about prominent women's lives in historical texts from the Islamic world, focusing on the period from 600-1700 CE. Students will learn to read these historical texts "against the grain" through the lens of feminist history, which uses female perspectives to reframe and reconfigure our understanding of the past. By the end of the course, students will be equipped to analyze the various forms of power that have historically been available (and unavailable) to women in the Islamic Middle East, and to assess the many ways women have navigated unequal power structures in order to participate in their polities.

WOS 385. Feminist Theory. 3 Credits.

This course focuses on the development of contemporary feminist theoretical constructs, beginning in the 1970s. Students will study classic feminist theories and ideas from this period. They will use a feminist pedagogy which emphasizes learning that is collaborative and student-centered. We value participatory, experiential, diverse, and student-centered knowledge production. Because we believe that students serve as sources of knowledge for themselves and each other, we encourage students to take initiative in and responsibility for the learning process.

WOS 400. Internship. 3 Credits.

This course is designed to allow students the opportunity to put into practice, outside the academic setting, the knowledge regarding women's experiences gained in other courses. Some possible sites might be a women's health clinic, a business, a newspaper, a social service agency, or an electoral campaign. There will be both an on-site and a faculty supervisor.

WOS 410. Senior colloquium. 3 Credits.

Sample topics include global feminism, mothering, the experiences of women of color, and feminist utopias.

WOS 415. Senior Project. 3 Credits.

Preparation of research in any area of women's studies, to be decided by student and adviser. Supervision includes exercises in method and bibliography. Usually, a lengthy research paper will be the final result.