

Women's Studies

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The women's studies minor is interdisciplinary. It focuses on gender as a significant variable in scholarly inquiry and in understanding the experiences of women and men in various social, historical, and cultural settings.

Program goals:

- To introduce historical and contemporary constructions of gender.
- To develop an interdisciplinary perspective on issues related to gender.
- To explore the influence of feminist analysis and practice.
- To examine and analyze women's contributions in the arts, religion, science, and society.
- To analyze the interrelationship of race, ethnicity, class, multicultural contexts, and gender.

Minor in Women's Studies

6 course credits:

WS 150 Introduction to Women's Studies or IS 201 Women and Public Policy

WS 375 Feminist Theories

Two humanities course credits from

EN/WS 314 Major Women Writers

HI/WS 280 American Women's History

HI/WS 282 Venus, the Virgin, and the Venerable Mother

RE/WS 311 Women in Bible and Culture

Two social science course credits from

CA 270 Communication Perspectives: Gender and Sexuality

PSY/WS 327 Psychology of Gender

SO/WS 380 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective

WS 290 Gender and Science