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Mission Statement
The mission of the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) is to generate and transmit knowledge about the gendered nature of our lives and the ways gender, sexuality and other categories of identity shape and are shaped by culture and society. In order to achieve this goal we develop and implement programs of instruction, research, and service in the interdisciplinary field of women’s, gender and sexuality studies. Our faculty is committed to engaging the intersections between gender and sexuality and other dimensions of difference such as race, class, national origin, age and dis/ability. We seek to make visible the experiences and contributions of women and other historically disenfranchised populations in a vast range of historical and social locations. We strive to enhance the Department’s national and international leadership role in the growing field of women’s, gender and sexuality studies through continued excellence in research, teaching and service.

WGSS at OSU
Ohio State is one of the earliest and largest Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies programs in the country. WGSS was first recognized at Ohio State in 1972 and established as an office in 1975. It became a Center with full academic status as a unit of the College of Humanities in 1980. In the Fall of 1995, the Center became a Department. The purpose of the Department is to promote teaching, research, and academic programming on women’s issues, feminist perspectives, and gender studies. The Department offers an undergraduate major and minor in WGSS, as well as a master’s degree and a doctoral degree. WGSS advances the field through interdisciplinary research and innovative pedagogies, inspiring a new generation of gender and sexuality scholars and feminist leaders committed to social justice. We strive to be a globally recognized model of excellence in gender, sexuality and feminist scholarship. Additionally, the interdisciplinary training and analytical skills students acquire through course work prepare them well for graduate work in a number of fields.

Undergraduate Program
The Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Undergraduate Program at The Ohio State University offers both a major leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree and a minor designed to complement studies in other academic fields. WGSS undergraduate majors complete 30 credits of required course work, in addition to meeting general education and elective category requirements, for a minimum total of 121 hours. WGSS undergraduate minors complete 12 credits of required course work. Both the major and minor require WGSS 1110 as a pre-requisite in addition to the above-mentioned requirements. The minor is a perfect complement for any major and will give students a competitive edge in their professional and personal lives.

Conversion to Semesters
The Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies is committed to protecting the academic progress of its students. Students should find that the shift from quarters to semesters does not disrupt their progress towards a degree in WGSS if they actively develop and follow academic plans in consultation with their WGSS academic advisor. Students completing their WGSS degree within this transition will receive approximately the same amount of instruction as students under either the quarter or semester model, and the changes to our programs will only improve the quality of their education. To ensure the conversion will not harm our students’ progress, we will continue to provide intentional and purposeful advising by understanding how the changes in our courses and program requirements will affect our students degree programs. We will maintain flexibility with our students’ progress and assist them in planning their programs to graduation. Since students’ plans vary considerably based on their degree program and focus, each student’s plan for completing degree requirements in WGSS will need to be determined in close consultation with their academic advisor. Our students should be responsible for getting and using advice that assures progress towards their degree. We are fully prepared to serve our students’ needs during the transition to ensure their benefit from the semester academic model.
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advising procedures

Arts and Sciences Advisor
The first advisor, your academic counselor, is associated with your primary college of enrollment. For Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Majors, this would be the Colleges of the Arts & Sciences located in 100 Denney Hall. They are full-time professionals and advise you on the General Education Curriculum, special academic and career opportunities, graduation requirements, Arts & Sciences policies and procedures, and make referrals to other professionals on campus. Please visit ascadvising.osu.edu or call (614) 292-6961 to schedule an appointment.

WGSS Advisor
The second advisor is the departmental (Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies) advisor. This advisor is a designated staff member in the department who provides advising for the major or minor in addition to teaching and/or research. You should consult this person on issues related specifically to your major, minor or profession.

declaring

Declaring a Major or Minor
Students may declare a major or minor in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences (ASC) office or in the WGSS department; however, if a student declares in ASC, s/he will need to make an appointment with WGSS upon declaring for intake and initial advising to develop a program of study and to set up their file. Students are encouraged to visit their advisor at least once a semester. Students must seek advising to plan semester schedules, revise the major program form, seek advice about career opportunities or graduate school, change from a minor to a major, to obtain “final approval” for the application to graduate, or for other issues they wish to discuss with a WGSS advisor. Honors student should follow a slightly different process that is described below. Students who wish to double major can choose WGSS as either a first or second major. Each major must have 18 unique semester hours.

honors program

Honors students typically begin their university experience via the Honors Office (292-5104) and then are referred to Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Honors students are advised by a designated faculty member who serves as the departmental contact for the ASC Honors Office. This faculty member does the initial intake for students to plan their academic program to assure meeting departmental requirements, and to assist with decisions about an honors contract or thesis. If students wish to pursue an honors thesis, the faculty member will assist students in identifying a faculty member to advise them and supervise the thesis. Students who complete a research thesis are eligible for graduation with distinction.

Honors students majoring in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies are strongly encouraged to pursue the WGSS Honors Major outlined herein. This curriculum will provide an intellectually challenging course of study for students seeking advanced learning and research. Students will enjoy smaller classes taught by highly respected scholars in the field as well as the opportunity to carry out independent research projects. Our classes are renowned for their socially relevant and academically rigorous content that demand heightened critical thinking skills. This curriculum also contains concentration areas students can choose from: Race, Sexualities & Social Justice; Narrative, Culture & Representation; Power, Institutions, & Economies; and Global & Transnational Feminisms. This specialized curriculum is ideal for students who plan to attend graduate or professional school sometime after the completion of their undergraduate studies. The Honors major requires 30 credit hours.
VII / honors major suggested curriculum

pre-requisite (3 hours)

WGSST 1110/1110H Gender, Sex and Power
*This course is not included in the overall 30 hours required for the major

core courses (12 hours)

1) WGSST 2300 Approaches to Feminist Inquiry

2) WGSST 2550 History of Feminist Thought

3) One of the following selected course from our Women of Color list:
   • WGSST 3322H Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration
   • WGSST 3372H Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
   • WGSST 4401 Asian American Women: Race, Sex, and Representations
   • WGSST 4402 Black Women: Representations, Politics, and Power
   • WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies
   • WGSST 4405 Race and Sexuality
   • WGSST 4520 Women of Color and Social Activism
   • WGSST 4540 Women of Color: Art, Literature and Culture
   • WGSST 4560 Chicana Feminism
   • WGSST 4572 Women and Visual Cultures of Latin America
   • WGSST 4921 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class and Sexuality
   • WGSST 5623 African Women
   • WGSST 5624 Women and Social Change in Latin America

4) Senior Experience: ONE of the following (5 hours):
   • WGSST 4575 Issues in Contemporary Feminist Theory
   • WGSST 4999H Honors Thesis

concentration area (18 hours)

Students are required to choose one Primary Concentration area (3 courses, 9 hours) and one Secondary Concentration area (3 courses, 9 hours) from the 4 available areas listed below. Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies courses and approve related courses for each concentration are listed below. Any changes to this plan must be approved by your departmental honors advisor.

Race, Sexualities and Social Justice Concentration
   • WGSST 4401 Asian American Women: Race, Sex, and Representations
   • WGSST 4402 Black Women: Representations, Politics, and Power
   • WGSST 4405 Race and Sexuality
   • WGSST 4520 Women of Color and Social Activism
   • WGSST 4540 Women of Color: Art, Literature and Culture
   • WGSST 4560 Chicana Feminism
   • WGSST 4845: Gender, Sexuality and Science
   • WGSST 4921 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality
   • WGSST 5623 African Women
   • WGSST 5624 Woman and Social Change in Latin America
Approved related courses (no more than 6 hours of these courses may count toward major):

- AAAS 4535 Topics in Black Masculinity
- ARTED 4763 African American Women Artists from Slavery to Present
- EDPL 4215 Sexualities in Education
- PSYCH 4555 Adolescent Sexuality
- SWK 5006 Sexualities, Diversity and Social Work
- SWK 5016 Affirmative Social Work Practice with LGBTQ Individuals, Couples, and Families
- SOC 4605 Sociology of Sexuality

**Narrative, Culture and Representation Concentration**

- WGSST 4375 Women and Visual Culture
- WGSST 4401 Asian American Women: Race, Sex, and Representations
- WGSST 4402 Black Women: Representations, Politics, and Power
- WGSST 4405 Race and Sexuality
- WGSST 4527 Studies in Gender and Cinema
- WGSST 4540 Women of Color: Art, Literature, and Culture
- WGSST 4576 Women and Visual Cultures of Latin America
- WGSST 5657 Gender and National Identity in Russian Cinema

Approved related courses (no more than 6 hours of these courses may count toward major)

- ARTED 4763 African American Women Artists from Slavery to Present
- ANTRHO 4597.02 Women, Culture and Society
- EALL 5475 Women Writers, Culture and Society in East Asia
- HDFS 5440 Human Sexuality in Context
- PHIL 5420 Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory
- SLAVIC 4560H Cinderella’s Fantasy: Gender and Women in Western and Eastern Europe
- SOC 4608 Gender, Race and Class in Mass Communication
- SOC 4635 Men and Women in Society
- SOC 4605 Sociology of Sexuality

**Power, Institutions and Economies Concentration**

- WGSST 3322H Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration
- WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies
- WGSST 4510 American Women’s Movements
- WGSST 4513 Women, Government and Public Policy
- WGSST 4520 Women of Color and Social Activism
- WGSST 4524 Women and Work
- WGSST 4597 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
- WGSST 4845 Gender, Sexuality and Science
- WGSST 4921 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class and Sexuality

Approved related courses (no more than 10 hours of these courses may count toward major)

- CS 4875 Gender, Sexuality and Religion
- EDPL 44214 Gender and Education
- HIS 2610H Introduction to Women and Gender in the U.S.
- PHIL 5420 Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory
- POLSCI 4138 Women and the Law
- POLSCI 4170 Gender and Politics
- PSYCH 4543 Psychology of Gender
- SOC 3463H Social Stratification: Race, Class and Gender
- SOC 4510 Gender, Crime and The Criminal Justice System
- SOC 4605 Sociology of Sexuality
Global and Transnational Feminisms

- WGSST 3322H Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration
- WGSST 3372H Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
- WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies
- WGSST 4560 Chicana Feminism
- WGSST 4576 Women and Visual Culture in Latin America
- WGSST 4597 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
- WGSST 5623 African Women: History and Socioeconomic Change
- WGSST 5624 Women and Social Change in Latin America
- WGSST 5657 Gender and National identity in Russian Cinema

Approve related courses (no more than 6 hours of these courses may count toward major)

- ANTHRO 4597.02 Women, Culture and Development
- EALL 5475 Women Writers, Culture and Society in East Asia
- RURAL SOC 5570 Women in Rural Society
- SLAVIC 4560H Cinderella’s Fantasy: Gender and Women in West and East Europe
- SWK 5010 Women and Aging: International Perspective

Students may petition up to 3 credits of WGSST 4589 (Internship in Feminist Theory and collective action) and 3 credits of WS 5693 (Individual Studies) to count toward the major.
requirements

1) a minimum of 30 credit hours in approved courses
   • 9 of which must be at the 4000 level or above

2) a minimum grade of C- and an average grade of C in all courses used to fulfill the major

3) Completed and approved major program form signed by the department’s academic advisor

NOTE that no more than these 6 credit hours can be chosen outside of WGSST to fulfill other major requirements. No more than 6 credit hours of combined special topics (2294, 2296H, 3320, 4494) and/or individual studies (5693) may be used to fulfill major requirements. Of those 6, no more than 3 may be in 5693.

prerequisite (3 hours)

WGSST 1110/1110H Gender, Sex and Power
*This course is not included in the overall 30 hours required for the major

core courses (12 hours)

1) WGSST 2300 Approaches to Feminist Inquiry

2) WGSST 2550 History of Feminist Thought

3) One of the following selected course from our Women of Color list:
   • WGSST 2340 Latina Experience in the U.S.
   • WGSST 2367.02 U.S. Latina Writers: Text and Context
   • WGSST 2367.04 Black Women Writers: Text and Context
   • WGSST 3322H Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration
   • WGSST 3372/3372H Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
   • WGSST 3505 Feminist Perspectives on Globalization
   • WGSST 4401 Asian American Women: Race, Sex, and Representations
   • WGSST 4402 Black Women: Representations, Politics, and Power
   • WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies
   • WGSST 4405 Race and Sexuality
   • WGSST 4520 Women of Color and Social Activism
   • WGSST 4540 Women of Color: Art, Literature and Culture
   • WGSST 4560 Chicana Feminism
   • WGSST 4576 Women and Visual Cultures of Latin America
   • WGSST 4921 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Class and Sexuality
   • WGSST 5623 African Women
   • WGSST 5624 Women and Social Change in Latin America

4) Senior Experience: ONE of the following (3 hours):
   • WGSST 4575 Issues in Contemporary Feminist Theory
   • WGSST 4999 Undergraduate Thesis

electives (9 hours)

Three courses are electives, which can be selected from Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies and/or approved related courses.
concentration area (9 hours)

Students are required to choose a concentration area from one of the 4 areas. Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies courses and approve related courses for each concentration are listed below. Any changes to this plan must be approved by your departmental advisor.

Race, Sexualities and Social Justice Concentration

- WGSST 2230 Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Popular Culture
- WGSST 2282 Introduction to Queer Studies
- WGSST 2305 Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective
- WGSST 2340 Latina Experience in the U.S.
- WGSST 2367.02 U.S. Latina Writers: Text and Context
- WGSST 2367.03 U.S. Lesbian Writers: Text and Context
- WGSST 2367.04 Black Women Writers: Text and Context
- WGSST 3370 Sexualities and Citizenship
- WGSST 4401 Asian American Women: Race, Sex, and Representations
- WGSST 4402 Black Women: Representations, Politics, and Power
- WGSST 4405 Race and Sexuality
- WGSST 4520 Women of Color and Social Activism
- WGSST 4540 Women of Color: Art, Literature and Culture
- WGSST 4845 Gender, Sexuality and Science
- WGSST 4921 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality
- WGSST 4560 Chicana Feminism
- WGSST 5623 African Women: History and Socioeconomic Change
- WGSST 5624 Women and Social Change in Latin America

Approved related courses (no more than 6 credit hours may count toward major):
- AAAS 3230 Black Women: Culture and Politics
- AAAS 4535 Topics in Black Masculinity
- ARTED 4763 African American Women Artists from Slavery to Present
- CS 2214 Introduction to Sexuality Studies
- CS 2343 Slavery, Gender and Race in the Atlantic World
- EDPL 4215 Sexualities and Education
- EDPAES 2204 Sexuality and Health
- HIS 2630 History of Modern Sexualities
- HIS 3630 Same Sex Sexuality in a Global Context
- HDFS 3440 Human Sexuality
- PSYCH 2333 Psychology of Human Sexuality
- PSYCH 4555 Adolescent Sexuality
- SWK 1140 Minority Perspective: Race, Ethnicity and Gender
- SWK 5006 Sexuality, Diversity and Social Work
- SWK 5016 Affirmative Social Work Practice with LGBTQ Individuals, Couples and Families
- SOC 4605 Sociology of Sexuality
Narrative, Culture and Representation Concentration

- WGSST 2215 Reading Women Writers
- WGSST 2230 Gender, Sexuality, and Race In Popular Culture
- WGSST 2306 Girlhood
- WGSST 2367.01 U.S. Women Writers: Text and Context
- WGSST 2367.02 U.S. Latina Writers: Text and Context
- WGSST 2367.03 U.S. Lesbian Writers: Text and Context
- WGSST 2367.04 Black Women Writers: Text and Context
- WGSST 3306 Gender, Media and New Technologies
- WGSST 3372/3372H Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
- WGSST 4375 Women and Visual Culture
- WGSST 4401 Asian American Women: Race, Sex, and Representations
- WGSST 4402 Black Women: Representations, Politics, and Power
- WGSST 4405 Race and Sexuality
- WGSST 4527 Studies in Gender and Cinema
- WGSST 4540 Women of Color: Art, Literature and Culture
- WGSST 4576 Women and Visual Culture in Latin America
- WGSST 5657 Gender and National Identity in Russian Cinema

Approved related courses (no more than 6 credit hours may count toward major)
- AR TED 4763 African American Women Artists from Slavery to Present
- ANTRHO 4597.02 Women, Culture and Society
- COMM 3362 Communication and Gender
- CS 3604 Women in East Asian and Asian American Literature
- EALL 5475 Women Writers, Culture and Society in East Asia
- HEBREW 2704 Women in the Bible and Beyond
- HDFS 5440 Human Sexuality in Context
- PHIL 3420 Philosophical Perspectives on Issues of Gender
- PHIL 5420 Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory
- SLAVIC 4560H Cinderella's Fantasy: Gender and Women in Eastern and Western Europe
- SOC 3435 Sociology of Gender
- SOC 4608 Gender, Race and Class in Mass Communication
- SOC 4635 Men and Women in Society
- SOC 4605 Sociology of Sexuality
Global and Transnational Feminism Concentration

- WGSST 2305 Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective
- WGSST 2340 Latina Experience in the U.S.
- WGSST 2350 Feminist Perspectives on Women and Violence
- WGSST 3302 Engendering Peace and Conflict
- WGSST 3322H Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration
- WGSST 3372/3372H Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
- WGSST 3505 Feminist Perspectives on Globalization
- WGSST 3530 Women, Environment and Development
- WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies
- WGSST 4560 Chicana Feminism
- WGSST 4576 Women and Visual Culture in Latin America
- WGSST 4597 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
- WGSST 5623 African Women: History and Socioeconomic Change
- WGSST 5624 Women and Social Change in Latin America
- WGSST 5657 Gender and National Identity in Russian Cinema

Approved related courses (no more than 6 credit hours may count toward major)

- ANTHRO 4597.02 Women, Culture and Society
- CLASSICS 3215 Sex and Gender in the Ancient World
- CS 2343 Slavery, Gender, and Race in the Atlantic World
- CS 3604 Women in East Asian and Asian American Literature
- EALL 5475 Women Writers, Culture and Society in East Asia
- HEBREW 2704 Women in the Bible and Beyond
- HIS 2115 Women and Gender in Latin America
- HIS 3630 Same Sex Sexuality in a Global Context
- HIS 3640 Medieval Women: Power, Piety and Production
- HIS 3641 Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe: 1450-1750
- HIS 3642 Women and Gender in Modern Europe: From the 18th Century to Present
- NELC 3205 Women in the Muslim Middle East
- RURAL SOC 5570 Women in Rural Society
- SLAVIC 4560H Cinderella's Fantasy: Gender and Women in West and East Europe
- SWK 5010 Women and Aging: International Perspective
Power, Institutions and Economies Concentration

- WGSST 2282 Introduction to Queer Studies
- WGSST 2325 Issues in Women’s Health
- WGSST 2326 Women and Addiction: A Feminist Perspective
- WGSST 2350 Feminist Perspectives on Women and Violence
- WGSST 3302 Engendering Peace and Conflict
- WGSST 3322H Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration
- WGSST 3370 Sexualities and Citizenship
- WGSST 3385 Women in Political Leadership Internship
- WGSST 3389 Theory and Practice of Peer Outreach
- WGSST 3530 Women, Environment and Development
- WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies
- WGSST 4510 American Women’s Movements
- WGSST 4520 Women of Color and Social Activism
- WGSST 4513 Women, Government, and Public Policy
- WGSST 4524 Women and Work
- WGSST 4597 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
- WGSST 4845 Gender, Sexuality and Science
- WGSST 4921 Intersections: Approaches to Gender, Race, Class and Sexuality

Approved related courses (no more than 6 credit hours may count toward major)

- AAAS 3230 Black Women: Culture and Politics
- CS 4875 Gender, Sexuality and Religion
- EDPL 4214 Gender and Education
- HIS 2610/2610H Introduction to Women and Gender in the U.S.
- HIS 3640 Medieval Women: Power, Piety and Production
- PHIL 3420 Philosophical Perspectives on Issues of Gender
- PHIL 5420 Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory
- POLISCI 4138 Women and the Law
- POLISCI 4170 Gender and Politics
- PSYCH 4543 Psychology of Gender
- SOC 3435 Sociology of Gender
- SOC 3463/3463H Social Stratification: Race, Class and Gender
- SOC 4510 Gender, Crime and the Criminal Justice System
- SOC 4605 Sociology of Sexuality
XV / minor requirements

requirements

• 15 credit hours
• 12 credit hours in approved courses beyond WGSST 1110
• 6 credit hours at the 3000 level or above
• 3 credit hours at the 4000 level or above
• No more than 3 credit hours from among 2294, 2296H, 3320, 4494, or 5693 may be used to fulfill minor requirements

pre-requisite (3 hours)

WGSST 1110/1110H Gender, Sex and Power
*This course is not included in the overall 12 hours required for the minor

core course (3 hours)

One course that addresses women of color:
  • WGSST 2340 Latina Experience in the U.S.
  • WGSST 2367.02 U.S. Latina Writers: Text and Context
  • WGSST 2367.04 Black Women Writers: Text and Context
  • WGSST 3322H Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration
  • WGSST 3372/3372H Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
  • WGSST 3505 Feminist Perspectives on Globalization
  • WGSST 4401 Asian American Women: Race, Sex, and Representations
  • WGSST 4402 Black Women: Representations, Politics, and Power
  • WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies
  • WGSST 4405 Race and Sexuality
  • WGSST 4520 Women of Color and Social Activism
  • WGSST 4540 Women of Color: Art, Literature and Culture
  • WGSST 4560 Chicana Feminism
  • WGSST 4576 Women and Visual Cultures of Latin America
  • WGSST 4921 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Class and Sexuality
  • WGSST 5623 African Women
  • WGSST 5624 Women and Social Change in Latin America

electives (9 hours)

Electives may be chosen from Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies and/or approved related courses; however, no more than 3 credit hours of electives can be chosen outside of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

General Education Requirements
The College of Arts and Sciences maintains lists of current GE approved courses, and students should seek the assistance of an Arts and Sciences Academic Advisor to be sure they have met all GE requirements prior to applying for graduation. Several WGSST courses fulfill GE requirements, and many students will take Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies courses to fulfill GE requirements, but they must decide whether they are taking the courses for GE or major credit. There is an exception for double-majors. Please contact your ASC Academic Advisor for additional information. The complete Arts and Sciences Degree Planning Manual can be found on their website.

**Progression and Graduation Requirements**

Students are encouraged to visit their advisor at least once a semester. Students must seek advising to plan semester schedules, declare a concentration area, revise the major program form, seek advice about career opportunities or graduate school, change from a minor to a major, or for other issues related to the program. Please note that the upper-level courses are not offered every semester so it’s imperative that you maintain contact with your advisor to plan effectively. To graduate with either a Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies major or minor, a student must have completed the course requirements with no grade lower than a C- in any course used to fulfill major or minor requirements, and a cumulative grade point of at least 2.0 in the courses used to complete the major or minor. Prior to graduation, you will set up an appointment with the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies advisor to review your record to be sure that all requirements have been met. The advisor will sign and date the Major form and provide you with a copy to use when applying for graduation with your Arts & Sciences Advisor or College office.

Any student who wishes to modify the standard requirements for a major or minor must prepare a written petition to the chairperson of the Undergraduate Studies Committee. This includes requests to have any course, not currently on the list of approved related courses, count toward the major or minor. These requests should ordinarily be made prior to taking the course. Petitions concerning GE courses must go to Arts and Sciences.

**Grievance Procedure**

A student who has a grievance should first attempt to resolve the grievance with that person. If that is not satisfactory, the student should take the grievance through the appropriate channels. (Call the main office to identify appropriate channels.) If a student believes there has been a procedural error in determining a course grade, a formal grade grievance procedure, based on Faculty Rule 3335-7-23 can be initiated.

**University Libraries**

The Ohio State University Library houses over 17,000 volumes, more than 100 serial titles, and a large microfilm collection of special materials related to Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies. For more information about the University Libraries, visit [http://library.osu.edu/](http://library.osu.edu/).

**Student Life**

Students can keep in touch with the department and each other via the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies undergraduate listserv, and the WGSS Facebook Group. Majors/Minors are added to the listserv automatically; others who want to belong should request to the Undergraduate Coordinator that they be added. The Department webpage ([http://wgss.osu.edu/](http://wgss.osu.edu/)) is also a source of current information and activities in the department.
Internships

WGSST 3385 Women in Political Leadership Internship offers students the opportunity to secure an internship in local or state government or policy making with women in Ohio politics as well as attend a regularly scheduled class meeting to discuss their internships, concepts and theories of women in government, politics and public policy as well as prepare themselves for future work or volunteerism in government and public policy.

WGSST 3389 Peer Power offers students the opportunity to learn by doing. This course has recently partnered with Ohio State’s Girls Circle Project from Honors and Scholars. Students participating in Girls Circle take WGSST 3389 during the final semester of the project. They focus on service learning and are able to then connect their experiences throughout Girls Circle with their knowledge of feminist theory via WGSST 3389. In class they learn the necessary skills, including presentation development, facilitation of discussion, and activity design, to give interactive and dynamic presentations in the community.

Internships (WGSST 4589 or WGSST 5693) are available to all majors/minors as an elective (a max of 3 credit hours can apply towards the major). Internships provide students with a way to connect their education to social action and obtain experience in an organization that may help with a job search. Students work in human service agencies, rape education/prevention programs, arts institutions, government offices, health care organizations, counseling centers or other venues. Internships provide students with opportunities to build resumes, and obtain volunteer and job experience. To participate in an internship, s/he initiates contact with an organization to determine whether a position and a supervisor are available and what s/he would be doing. Internships must be approved by the faculty member, the advisor, or the Undergraduate Studies chairperson.

Study Abroad

Ohio State offers study abroad opportunities in more than 70 programs and 53 countries. Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies students who would like a study abroad experience are encouraged to contact a counselor in the Office of International Education. Students may register for “Study at a Foreign Institution” to obtain Ohio State credit for coursework in a study abroad program. For more information on any of the programs, please visit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Program online or stop by 100 Oxley Hall.

Scholarship and Travel Grant Opportunities

- Humanities Scholarships
- Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Student International Travel Grants
- Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Grant and Scholarship Opportunities
- The Mershon Center for International Securities Study Abroad Scholarship

Student Organizations

WGSS offers many opportunities for students to become part of the Department’s vital academic and social community. The Ohio State University WGSS Honor Society, Iota, Iota, Iota (TRIOTA) is the academic honor society for our field. Students have the opportunity to be involved in departmental and college governance and policy making by serving on several committees, including the Department’s Undergraduate Studies Committee. Additionally, students are encouraged to volunteer for special programs such as academic speakers, discussion sessions, and the Department’s Spring Reception. A number of other university students’ organizations, VOX (Voices for Planned Parenthood), WARR (Women and Allies Rising in Resistance), or WISE (Women’s Initiative for Strength and Empowerment) may also be of interest to students.
awards

Each spring the department makes a number of awards to students. All students are encouraged to submit papers written between spring quarter 2012 and spring semester 2013 for the following:

The Robin Wiehm Award
This award was named posthumously for one of the first Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies students at Ohio State. It is presented annually for the outstanding undergraduate paper written for a WGSS class. The award consists of a gift certificate.

The Common Differences Awards
These awards are given for the best student papers written about the perspectives, experiences, and contributions of women of color in the United States, including Black, Latina, Native American, Asian and Pacific Islander women; or about women of color in other parts of the world. One award is given to an undergraduate student and one to a graduate student in any discipline. The award consists of a gift certificate.

The Joellen Thomas Award
This award is named posthumously for a 1998 graduate of the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies MA program. It is presented annually for the outstanding undergraduate or graduate paper about women and illness or women and disability written for a WGSS class or an approved elective. The award consists of a gift certificate.

The Virginia Reynolds Book Award
This award is presented to two graduating WGSS majors or minors who demonstrate outstanding service and commitment to the Department, the University or community in the advancement of women’s issues. The award is presented in honor of the long term service and commitment of former WGSS librarian, Virginia Reynolds, who dedicated over 37 years to The Ohio State University. Virginia retired in 2006. The recipient of this award will receive a plaque celebrating their commitment to advancing and improving women’s lives, along with a book honoring their activism.

scholarships

The Mildred Munday Scholarship is named posthumously for Dr. Munday, who was instrumental in the establishment of The Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies at The Ohio State University. The annual scholarship provides $3,000 for tuition at The Ohio State University. Applicants must be WGSS majors with at least a Sophomore standing, excellence in scholarship, and commitment to Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is early in spring quarter. Contact the department office for the specific date.

spring reception

The department holds an annual reception at which time majors, minors, and graduate students, who have graduated within the past year, are recognized. It is also where the departmental awards and scholarship are presented, and when faculty and staff are also recognized for their achievements.
introductory courses

1110 Gender, Sex and Power (Pre-Requisite to the Major)
Introduces students to Women’s Studies and the study of gender, sex, and power. We will draw on a variety of literatures to analyze gender, race, sexuality, and other identities. We will place the study of US women in broader transnational contexts.

1110H Gender, Sex and Power, Honors
Introduces students to Women’s Studies and the study of gender, sex, and power. We will draw on a variety of literatures to analyze gender, race, sexuality, and other identities. We will place the study of US women in broader transnational contexts.

2215 Reading Women Writers
Study of women writers’ strategies for articulating experiences and using literature as a lens for social reality and catalyst for social and political change.

2230 Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Popular Culture
Explores how popular culture generates and articulates our understandings of gender and sexuality and their intersections with race and class.

2282 Introduction to Queer Studies
Introduces and problematizes foundational concepts of the interdisciplinary field of queer studies, highlighting the intersections of sexuality with race, class, and nationality.

2294 Group Studies
Special studies not otherwise offered.

2296H Topics in Women’s Studies, Honors
In-depth study in women's studies focusing on current issues in feminist analysis.

2300 Approaches to Feminist Inquiry
Introduction to principles of feminist analysis as they apply to a range of contemporary issues and institutions.

2305 Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective
Investigates gender and sexuality in transnational and cross-cultural perspective.

2306 Girlhood
An examination of the contemporary contexts and social differences of female adolescence, including race, ethnicity, location, sexuality, class.

2325 Issues in Women’s Health
An interdisciplinary inquiry into the issues affecting women’s health and the politics of gender in the medical health care profession.

2326 Women and Addiction: A Feminist Perspective
A feminist focus on addictive consequences of sex-role socialization, substance abuse, addiction in intimate relationships, and eating disorders; consequences of addiction among women.

2340 Latina Experience in the US
Introduces the important and far reaching issues of Latinas today, recognizing the contributions of these women to U.S. history, the women’s movement and feminism.
2350 Feminist Perspectives on Women and Violence
This course uses an inter-disciplinary feminist approach to analyze selected issues of interpersonal and institutionalized violence in which women are victims or perpetrators.

2367.01 US Women Writers: Text and Context
Writing about and analysis of female experiences as represented in U.S. literature by women; emphasis on interdisciplinary relationships between literature and socio-political history.

2367.02 US Latina Writers: Text and Context
Writing and analysis of U.S. Latina experiences, with emphasis on interdisciplinary relationships between literature and U.S. Latina socio-political history.

2367.03 US Lesbian Writers: Text and Context
Writing and analysis of U.S. lesbian experiences, with emphasis on interdisciplinary relationships between literature and U.S. lesbian socio-political history.

2367.04 Black Women Writers: Text and Context
Writing and analysis of black women’s literary representations of issues in United States social history.

2550 History of Feminist Thought
An introduction to and analysis of major texts of feminist theory as it has developed and changed since the Enlightenment.

2702 Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
Reading and analysis of representative works of the 19th and 20th centuries by contemporary women authors.

2702H Modern Arabic Literature in Translation, Honors
Reading and analysis of representative works of the 19th and 20th centuries by contemporary women authors.

2750H Natives and Newcomers: US Immigration and Migration, Honors
General survey of (im)migration history in the U.S. from precolonial times to the present. Topics include cultural contact, economic relations, citizenship, politics, family and sexuality.

intermediate courses

3302 Engendering Peace and Conflict
Analysis of the gendered dimensions of political, ethnic, and economic situations involving armed struggle, security issues, and peace-building worldwide. Topics include terrorism, militarization, refugees, diplomacy, truth commissions, etc.

3306 Gender, Media and New Technologies
Asks how we conceptualize intersecting identities in an, ostensibly, utopian, identity-free environment by exploring how the race, gender, class, sexuality, and physical ability discourses of the real world are or are not redefined in the virtual world.

3317 Hollywood, Women and Film
A critical survey of the representation of women in Hollywood cinema, examples drawn from the 1930's to present. Learn how film has functioned in its representation of women and how and why women film makers have created alternative visions of women in film.
3320 Topics in Women's Studies
Provides in-depth analyses of specific topics in the areas of difference and diversity, culture and representation, and political contexts and social change.

3370 Sexualities and Citizenship
A survey of cultural, social, and political issues related to historical and contemporary lesbian experience in the United States.

3385 Women in Political Leadership Internship
This course offers students opportunities to learn leadership and policy making skills by working with Ohio women lawmakers.

3389 Theory and Practice of Peer Outreach in Women's Studies
Designed to prepare undergraduate students with the theoretical and practical skills necessary to present women’s studies topics to middle and high school youth.

3505 Feminist Perspectives on Globalization
Examines how feminist activists and scholars understand and interrogate contemporary globalization.

3530 Women, Environment, and Development
Interdisciplinary study of women’s roles as environmental stewards and in resource-based development in global context. Attention given to gender differences in environmental and rural practices.

advanced courses

4375 Women and Visual Culture
Analysis of visual images of women in historical, racial, and class contexts.

4401 Asian American Women: Race, Sex, and Representations
This course examines the experiences and cultural representations of Asian American women for insight into race, gender, sexuality, and citizenship in U.S. and Asian societies.

4402 Black Women: Representations, Politics and Power
This course examines the ways in which black women and black womanhood are constructed and represented across cultural, social and political contexts in the US, specifically how they are making meaning of their lives.

4403 Gender and Leadership
This course will focus on how gender can influence who becomes a leader, the styles of leadership they employ, and how effective leaders can be.

4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies
Regulation of women’s bodies and sexual practices in national and international contexts. Topics include: state regulation of reproduction, population control, and migration of sexualized labor.

4405 Race and Sexuality
Placing the concept of “race” in the historical frameworks of colonialism, slavery, and 19th century science, we will draw on feminist and anti-racist theorists, literature, and film to investigate how race and sexuality intersect in all our lives.
4494 Group Studies
Special studies not otherwise offered; topic varies; students should consult department course listing.

4510 American Women’s Movements
An interdisciplinary analysis of the American women’s movements, including historical, literary, sociological, and theoretical perspectives.

4510H American Women's Movements, Honors
An interdisciplinary analysis of the American women’s movements, including historical, literary, sociological, and theoretical perspectives.

4513 Women, Government, and Public Policy
An examination of policymaking on gender-related issues and the impact of women in government.

4520 Women of Color and Social Activism
Examination of multiple forms of social activism among women of color from various parts of the world concerning local, national, and international issues.

4524 Women and Work
The social, cultural, and historical factors that influence women’s work and the multiple ways work is gendered.

4527 Studies in Gender and Cinema
Analysis of different film types focused on women to help students understand historical scope, theoretical frameworks, and reading strategies for understanding these films; topics vary.

4540 Women of Color: Art, Literature, and Culture
Interdisciplinary feminist study of selected historical and cultural movements through writing by women of color; topics vary by genre and by era.

4560 Chicana Feminism
Course provides a general overview of Chicana feminist theory and practice from the early 1970’s to the present.

4575 Issues in Contemporary Feminist Theory
Examination of particular contemporary issues which have crucial implications for feminist inquiry (topics vary).

4576 Women and Visual Culture in Latin America
Analysis of Latin American women visual artists of 20th and 21st centuries, with emphasis on contemporary feminist theories of visual culture.

4589 Internship in Feminist Theory and Collective Action
Field-based learning experience to explore the relationship between feminist theory and collective action; use of field work and class discussion to relate theory to practice.

4597 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
Highlighting perspectives from various contexts across the globe, this course explores issues of gender and democracy in the contemporary world.
4998 Undergraduate Research Project
Individual research or creative activities in variable topics as determined by the student and advisor.

4998H Undergraduate Research Project, Honors
Individual research or creative activities in variable topics as determined by the student and advisor.

4999 Undergraduate Thesis
Undergraduate research and writing for completion of an honor's thesis. Topics vary by student.

4999H Undergraduate Thesis, Honors
Undergraduate research and writing for completion of an honor's thesis. Topics vary by student.

4821 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class and Sexuality
Examines intersections of race, gender, class, and sexuality in various sites within American culture (e.g., legal system, civil rights discourse, social justice movements).

4845 Gender, Sexuality and Science
Examination of relations between gender and science; topics include gendering of "science" and "nature," biological theories of sexual inequality, feminist critiques of science and technology.

5620 Topics in Feminist Studies
Topics vary by course and instructor.

5623 African Women: History and Socioeconomic Change
Focuses on African women's experiences: legal and socioeconomic status, religious and political roles, the impact of colonial and post colonial developments, feminism and representation issues.

5624 Women and Social Change in Latin America
The course provides an overview of social change initiatives of women in Latin America and the Caribbean through analysis of women's experiences, values, strategies and goals.

5657 Gender and National Identity in Russian Cinema
Explores changes of Russian national and gender identities during the twentieth century as reflected in Russian cinema.

5693 Individual Studies
Individual studies in women's studies as arranged with an instructor or advisor.

5699 Undergraduate Research in Women's Studies
Undergraduate research or creative activities in variable topics.
These courses may change periodically. Students wishing to count an approved related course not listed below should petition the WGSS advisor.

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near eastern languages and cultures
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philosophy
PHILOS 3420 Philosophical Perspectives on Issues of Gender

political science
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POLISCI 4175 Women, Government and Public Policy
POLISCI 4170 Gender and Politics
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psychology
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PSYCH 4543 Psychology of Gender
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rural sociology
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slavic languages and literature
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social work
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SWK 5006 Sexuality, Diversity and Social Work
SWK 5010 Women and Aging: International Perspectives
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SOC 4510 Women, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System
SOC 4608 Gender, Race & Class in Mass Communication
SOC 4635 Men and Women in Society