

# BA in Women's, Ethnicity and Intersectional Studies

The department of women's, ethnicity and intersectional studies (WEIS) is the academic home for analyzing gender in relationship to economic and social class, race and ethnicity, sexuality, and national identity. Students learn to think critically about how social institutions, popular images and common ideologies shape multiple forms of identity, knowledge and reality.

Our curriculum attempts to:

1. Examine how socially constructed identities, such as race, ethnicity, gender, social class, sexuality and age intersect with and inform each other.
2. Analyze the ways in which intersections and systems of power impact the realities of peoples' lives.
3. Recognize the long history of women, people of color and other marginalized populations' contributions to government, politics and society.

## Program Requirements

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the BA in women's, ethnicity and intersectional studies. In addition to meeting the requirements of the WSU General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>) and the requirements of Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, students must meet the following requirements:

The major in women's, ethnicity and intersectional studies consists of 30 credit hours. Courses not in this list may be used to fulfill the program requirements with approval from the program coordinator or department.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>General Education</b>		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements <sup>1</sup>		34-35
<b>College Requirements</b>		
Select courses to complete all LAS Competency Areas <sup>1</sup>		36
<b>Foundations</b>		
Select 6 credit hours from the following		6
WOMS 180D	Introduction to Women's Studies	
WOMS 190	Diverse Women in Popular Culture	
WOMS 287	Women in Society: Social Issues	
WOMS/SOC 306	Introduction to Gender Studies	
WOMS 387	Women in Society: Cultural Images	
ETHS 360	Dealing with Diversity	
FYWS 102J	First-Year Seminar: Fundamentals of Diversity	
FYWS 102AA	First-Year Seminar: Intersectional Inequality - Poverty, Women and Ethnicity	
<b>Intersections of Thought</b>		
Select 3 credit hours from the following		3
WOMS/PHIL 338	Philosophy of Feminism	
WOMS 587	Theories of Feminism	
<b>Explorations</b>		

Select 18 credit hours from the following		18
WOMS/SOC 316	Men and Masculinities	
WOMS/POLS 325	Gender and Politics	
WOMS/ENGL 330	Women's Personal Narrative	
WOMS/SCWK 340	Human Sexuality	
WOMS 345	Gender, Alcohol and Addictions	
WOMS 365	Gender and Digital Culture	
WOMS/REL 370	Women in World Religions	
WOMS 380	Special Topics	
WOMS 380AF	Diversity, Human Rights and the Law	
WOMS 380AG	Black Women: Love, Lust & Loss	
WOMS 380J	Hip Hop and Feminism	
WOMS 380Q	Women and Animal Rights	
WOMS 381	Special Topics	
WOMS 382	Feminism and Girl Culture	
WOMS 385	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies	
WOMS 386	Women and Sports	
WOMS 389	Gender, Science and Technology	
WOMS 391	Women's Global Issues	
WOMS 392	Gender and Popular Music	
WOMS/REL 420	Women and the Bible	
WOMS 481	Cooperative Education	
WOMS 481N	Internship	
WOMS 508	Women and the Environment	
WOMS/HIST 511	Women in Early America, 1600-1830	
WOMS 513	Issues and Perspectives on African Women and Globalism	
WOMS/HIST 530	The American Woman in History	
WOMS/PSY 534	Psychology of Women	
WOMS/ENGL 536	Writing by Women	
WOMS/SCWK 541	Women, Children and Poverty	
WOMS/ANTH 542	Women in Other Cultures	
WOMS 570	Directed Readings	
WOMS/SCWK 571	Contemporary Issues and Perspectives: LGBTQ	
WOMS 580	Special Topics	
WOMS 580J	Domestic Violence	
WOMS 580T/PHS 515	Women and Aging	
WOMS 580Z	Dangerous Women in Film	
WOMS 588	Gender, Race and the West/ East Divide	
ETHS 350	Workshop	
ETHS 380	Native American Tribal Systems	
ETHS 381AD/HIST 309	The African American Historical Experience	
ETHS 381E/HIST 510	20th Century African American History	
ETHS 381O/CJ 540	Racial Profiling	
ETHS 381Q	Immigrations Today	
ETHS 410	African American Male	
ETHS 481	Cooperative Education	
ETHS 481N	Internship	
ETHS/PHS 512	Diversity and Aging	

ETHS/HIST 527	African-American Business History	
ETHS 580	Individual Projects: Ethnic Studies	
ENGL 346	American Multicultural Literature	
ENGL 365	African-American Literature	
ENGL 546	Studies in Ethnic Literature	
HIST 512	Women and Reform in America, 1830-Present	
HIST 536	Survey of American Indian History	
SOC 319	Sociology of Sexualities	
SOC 515	Family Diversity	
ANTH 416	Archaeology of Sex and Gender	
<b>Capstone</b>		
WOMS 599	WEIS Capstone: Women-Ethnicity-Intersectionality	3
<b>Open Electives</b>		
Select enough electives to reach 120 credit hours		19-20
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Required major courses may also count towards General Education and/or LAS Competencies. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.

### ***Applied Learning***

Students in the BA in women's, ethnicity and intersectional studies are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by taking WOMS 599 WEIS Capstone: Women-Ethnicity-Intersectionality. This course is required for all majors. WOMS 599 encourages students to make presentations (paper, poster or skit) at the Diverse Women's Summit (DWS), the Global Village Assembly (GVA), or at another university-based, state or national conference. WOMS 599 requires students to produce a final research paper or research project that reflects developed knowledge and critical thinking within the major.