

Women's, Ethnicity and Intersectional Studies

As of Fall 2025, the department of women's, ethnicity and intersectional studies (WEIS) is no longer active at WSU. The Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will continue to offer a WEIS Field Major and WEIS Minor. Please see the WEIS Field Major and Minor pages to find out more about these degree options and the courses needed to fulfill the requirements.

As a program in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the program of women's, ethnicity and intersectional studies (WEIS) offers an interdisciplinary field major and minor on the experiences of marginalized peoples with a focus on intersectionality. Both the field major and the minor reflect a thematic, rather than disciplinary, focus. Students should expect to acquire knowledge and develop skills to communicate effectively across cultural boundaries that will help them obtain a deeper understanding of other peoples' perspectives and experiences. The analysis of gender, race/ethnicity, class and sexuality is central to the field major and minor. In addition, cross-cultural and international perspectives represent the program's commitment to move beyond culturally and nationally parochial understanding of marginalized peoples' identities and struggles. Students may elect to double-major in WEIS and other fields in the liberal arts and sciences or other colleges. The WEIS field major or minor prepares students for careers in a variety of fields and prepares them for many professional and advanced degrees. Courses that count toward the major and minor are listed as ETHS and WOMS and related courses from other LAS departments that have a significant intersectional content.