

BA in Women's Studies

Program Requirements

The major in women's studies consists of 30 credit hours:

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| Required Core | | |
| WOMS 190 | Diverse Women in Popular Culture | 3 |
| WOMS 287 | Women in Society: Social Issues | 3 |
| WOMS 387 | Women in Society: Cultural Images | 3 |
| WOMS 587 | Theories of Feminism | 3 |
| Core Area | | |
| Select 9 credit hours (three courses) taken within a core area listed below | | 9 |
| Electives | | |
| Select 9 credit hours (three courses) in any of the four core areas, taken in any combination | | 9 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 30 |

One course must be a diversity course such as:

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| WOMS 370 | Women in World Religions | 3 |
| WOMS 385 | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies | 3 |
| WOMS 513 | Issues and Perspectives on African Women and Globalism | 3 |
| WOMS 514 | Women in the Middle East | 3 |
| WOMS 542 | Women in Other Cultures | 3 |
| WOMS 579 | Asian Women in Modern History | 3 |
| WOMS 588 | Gender, Race and the West/ East Divide | 3 |

Of the 30 credit hours, no more than 3 credit hours in courses numbered 100–199 may be counted toward the major except WOMS 190, REL 110 and REL 115. Students are strongly encouraged to take WOMS 190 and WOMS 287 as early as possible in the major.

Core Areas

Some courses may appear in two core areas if course content is appropriate.

Core Area I: Global and International Studies

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| WOMS/REL 370 | Women in World Religions | 3 |
| WOMS 391 | Women's Global Issues | 3 |
| WOMS 513 | Issues and Perspectives on African Women and Globalism | 3 |
| WOMS 514 | Women in the Middle East | 3 |
| WOMS/ANTH 542 | Women in Other Cultures | 3 |
| WOMS/HIST/ETHS 579 | Asian Women in Modern History | 3 |
| WOMS 588 | Gender, Race and the West/ East Divide | 3 |

Core Area II: Popular Culture, Literary and Media Representations

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| WOMS 330 | Women's Personal Narrative | 3 |
| WOMS 365 | Gender and Digital Culture | 3 |
| WOMS 382 | Feminism and Girl Culture | 3 |

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| WOMS 385 | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies | 3 |
| WOMS 510 | Hollywood Melodrama: The Woman's Film | 3 |
| WOMS/ENGL 536 | Writing By Women | 3 |
| WOMS 580Z | Dangerous Women in Film | 3 |

Core Area III: Social Issues and Social Inequalities

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| WOMS/SOC 306 | Introduction to Gender Studies | 3 |
| WOMS/SOC 316 | Men and Masculinities | 3 |
| WOMS/POLS 325 | Gender and Politics | 3 |
| WOMS/SCWK 340 | Human Sexuality | 3 |
| WOMS 345 | Gender, Alcohol and Addictions | 3 |
| WOMS 361 | Gender, Work and Culture | 3 |
| WOMS 365 | Gender and Digital Culture | 3 |
| WOMS 380 | Special Topics | 1-3 |
| WOMS 380AF | Diversity, Human Rights and the Law | 3 |
| WOMS 380Q | Women and Animal Rights | 3 |
| WOMS 385 | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies | 3 |
| WOMS 389 | Gender, Science and Technology | 3 |
| WOMS/ETHS 399 | Asian American Women and Men | 3 |
| WOMS/PSY 534 | Psychology of Women | 3 |
| WOMS/SCWK 541 | Women, Children and Poverty | 3 |
| WOMS 701B | Women and the Environment | 3 |

Core Area IV: Religion and Diversity of Thought

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| REL 110 | Old Testament | 3 |
| REL 115 | New Testament | 3 |
| PHIL 345 | Philosophy of Sex and Love | 3 |
| WOMS/PHIL 338 | Philosophy of Feminism | 3 |
| WOMS/REL 370 | Women in World Religions | 3 |
| WOMS/REL 420 | Women and the Bible | 3 |
| WOMS 588 | Gender, Race and the West/ East Divide | 3 |

Applied Learning

Students in BA in women's studies program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by taking WOMS 587 Theories of Feminism, which is a required core course for all majors. The applied learning aspect of WOMS 587 requires students to make presentations (paper, poster or skit) at the Diverse Women's Summit (DWS) or the Global Village Assembly (GVA) organized yearly by the department.