

**Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies**  
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**MINOR REQUIREMENTS,  
INFORMATION AND  
APPLICATION**

Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary program. The program uses an intersectional analysis which embeds gender within a complex web of interlocking social formations including gender, race/nationality/ethnicity, class and sexuality. If you're interested in a minor, make an appointment with an academic advisor in Bartlett 208. The advisor can help you find an appropriate faculty sponsor. A signed application form is required for admission to the minor. Documentation of your minor is submitted by the chief undergraduate advisor at the conclusion of your degree.

**MINOR REQUIREMENTS**

1. Completed application signed by student and faculty sponsor submitted to Bartlett 208.
2. 18 credits in Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies *including* these required courses: WOMENSST 201, and a course on Women of Color (200 level or above).

The elective credits can be earned in any one of the following ways:

- Courses offered through Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies at the University.
  - Courses offered in other departments or at the other colleges listed as Departmental Courses in the Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Course Offerings guide.
  - Courses listed as Component Courses in the guide count towards the minor if at least 1/3-1/2 of the work for the course is on women or gender. If the paper topics offered are not adaptable to a focus on these issues, the student is encouraged to meet with the faculty member to devise a related paper topic. In the case of a component course, the student is responsible for documenting that the work done for the course is sufficient to grant Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies credit.
  - Independent Work: Independent study, field work, and practicum credits related to women's or gender issues may count towards the Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies minor. A limit of 6 credits of independent study or field work may count towards the minor.
2. A cumulative average of 2.0 in Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies courses.
  3. We strongly suggest that there be at least one meeting between student and sponsor each semester. Be certain to talk with an academic advisor to check your minor requirements.

**Student Involvement in the Program**

The Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Program is always open to student suggestions. The Executive Committee, the decision-making body of the program, has student representatives on it. Students are always welcome to come into the office and discuss ideas for the program. To find out more ways to give input, contact the office.

**WOMEN, GENDER, SEXUALITY STUDIES MINOR APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SPIRE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR'S DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*We may welcome you in the program in our newsletter. Please check this box if you do **not** want your name mentioned.*

If you prefer, you may write a letter of application rather than fill out this form. If you choose the letter option, please be sure to include answers to the questions raised below.

1. Why do you want to minor in Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you intend to focus your Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies courses in one particular area (e.g., law) or to select a variety of courses related to women's issues?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What courses have you already taken in Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What courses, in addition to WOMENSST 201 and a course on Women of Color, are you interested in taking?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Does your Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies program relate to your major and/or broader interests?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Sponsor's comments:

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Student's Signature

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Sponsor's Signature

**WOMEN, GENDER, SEXUALITY STUDIES**  
**OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been involved with any political groups, on or off campus?

What job(s) do you have or have you had?

What career possibilities are you considering?

Additional comments:

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