

Women's Studies
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WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Find a faculty sponsor for your course of study. Women's Studies staff can help you with this.
2. Submit an application for the Women's Studies minor to the Women's Studies office (application form attached). Your sponsor should sign this form and keep a copy for her/his files.

WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS

1. 18 credits in Women's Studies *including* these required courses: Critical Perspectives in Women's Studies, 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's Studies at the University.
 - Courses offered in other departments or at the other colleges listed as Departmental Courses in the Women's Studies Course Offerings guide.
 - Courses listed as Component Courses in the guide count as Women's Studies courses if at least 1/3-1/2 of the work for the course is on women, gender roles or Women's Studies. If the paper topics offered are not adaptable to a focus on women's issues, the student is encouraged to meet with the faculty member to devise a paper topic that fits with their academic program. 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's Studies credit.
 - Independent Work: Independent study, field work, and practicum credits may count towards the Women's Studies minor if related to the student's program. Practicum, field work, or independent studies can be taken under WOMENSST course numbers, or course numbers in another department. 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's Studies courses.
 3. We strongly suggest that there be at least one meeting between student and sponsor each semester.

Student Involvement in the Program

The Women's 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'S 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 _____

EXPECTED MINOR COMPLETION DATE _____ DATE OF GRADUATION _____

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

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's Studies?

2. Do you intend to focus your Women's 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's Studies?

4. What courses, in addition to Critical Perspectives and a course on Women of Color, are you interested in taking?

5. Does your Women's Studies program relate to your major and/or broader interests?

6. Sponsor's comments:

Student's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

WOMEN'S STUDIES STUDENT SURVEY

This survey was developed upon request of Women's Studies Students. The students wanted a way to get in touch with other students who share their interests. Fill out as much or as little of this form as you like. Feel free to add additional information. The form will be kept on file in the office,, and made available for other students to look at. Your participation is completely optional.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Today's Date _____ E-mail _____

() WOMENSST Major () WOMENSST Minor

Women's Studies Sponsor: _____

If double majoring or minoring, what is your other major? (or minor)?

If you are focusing your Women's Studies program in a particular area, what is the title of your program?

Briefly describe your academic interests.

Briefly describe your other interests.

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:

Return to Women's Studies, 208 Bartlett Hall-Box 30530, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. 545-1922. This form will be kept on file and will be available to other students. If you want it removed or changed, notify the office.