

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES - MINOR

Women's and Gender Studies is a flexible interdisciplinary program devoted to the critical analysis of gender and the pursuit of knowledge about women throughout history and around the world. Combining the methods and insights of traditional liberal arts disciplines with the special insights of scholarship on women's and gender studies, our courses yield fresh perspectives on the nature of gender as it intersects with race, ethnicity, class, religion, and nation, and encourage students to look beyond their own culture and era in examining gender's role in shaping society. Through interdisciplinary breadth and an emphasis on critical thinking, women's and gender studies prepares students to employ critical learning in their private lives as well as in public roles as citizens and members of a diverse and complex workforce.

Minors in women's and gender studies receive training in both humanities and social sciences approaches and are required to complete coursework that focuses on material beyond dominant U.S. culture; core courses have both theoretical and applied focuses.

Because gender has far-reaching influence on daily life, world culture, and public policy, this minor supports students in a wide range of fields. As a liberal arts degree, women's and gender studies is attractive to employers looking for recruits trained in critical thinking, organizational skills, reading, writing, and presenting in a wide range of subject areas. Expertise in women's and gender issues is increasingly important to businesses, governmental agencies, and other organizations dealing with matters such as sexual harassment, flex-time, parental leave, and pay equity, just as specialists in women's and gender studies find opportunities in education, law, health care, social work, counseling, media, public policy, and a wide range of other fields.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Required Courses:		
WGST 200	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
WGST 401	Feminist Theory or WGST 481 or Senior Seminar	3
WGST 201-499	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/wgst/) ¹	9
Total Semester Credit Hours		15

Students must make a grade of C or better in all courses.

¹ At least 3 credits must be at the 300-400 level.