Women’s Studies
College of Arts and Sciences

Degree Options
Bachelor of Arts in Women’s Studies

Minors
Women’s Studies
Comparative Ethnic Studies
Pop Culture
Queer Studies

Program Strengths
• Faculty work in a number of new research areas, including theories of identities and bodies, women and the environment, queer theory, third-world feminism, and critical race feminism
• The department maintains close relations with the Women’s Resource Center and the Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center.
• Women’s Studies students tend to be people who want to make a difference in the world. Their personal goals and intellectual development are of major importance to our faculty.
• The Department of Critical Culture, Gender, and Race Studies (CCGRS) emphasizes collaborative learning and critical thinking in a global and activist context, one that gives students ownership over their education.
• Each student is assigned a faculty mentor who is a resource for majors who are pursuing graduate degrees, undergraduate research, academic publications, and career exploration within the field.

Career Options
• Change your world.
• Work for nonprofit and/or nongovernmental agencies advocating for environmental justice, transgender rights, access to health care.
• Work in community service organizations, such as women’s shelters and youth centers.
• Work in human resources, equity policy analysis, community development.
• Continue studies in law school, social work, justice studies, gender studies, and much more.

Certification Requirements
24 completed semester credits
2.0 minimum grade point average

Suggested Classes for First Year Students
W ST 101: Gender and Power: Introduction to Women’s Studies (does not count toward the CES major requirements but does count as a UCORE)
W ST 120: Sex, Race, and Reproduction in Global Health Politics
W ST 201: Critical Frameworks in Gender Studies
W ST 211: Sex Matters: Intro to Queer Culture and Literature
W ST 220: Gender, Culture, and Science
CES 101: Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies
W ST/CRM J 403: Violence Toward Women

Suggested Classes for Transfer Students
W ST 201: Critical Frameworks in Gender Studies
W ST 300: Intersections of Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality
W ST 332: Global Feminisms
W ST 484: Lesbian and Gay Studies
W ST 481: Theoretical Issues in Women’s Studies
OR (majors may need either 481 or 485, but not both)
W ST 485: Theoretical Issues in Gay and Lesbian Studies
CES 201: Foundations of Comparative Ethnic Studies
W ST/CRM J 403: Violence Toward Women

Math Requirement
Any UCORE math, including
MATH 105: Exploring Mathematics
PHIL 201: Elementary Logic

Core Courses
CES 201: Foundations of Comparative Ethnic Studies
W ST 201: Critical Frameworks in Gender Studies
W ST/CES/SOC 300: Intersections of Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality
W ST/CES 489: Everyday Struggles for Justice and Equality

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