

WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

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The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Concentration is a liberal arts, interdisciplinary program that offers students the opportunity to apply a critical lens to fundamental structures of human interaction and cultural production. Students learn about current scholarship in women's history and culture, gender studies, sexuality studies, and feminist theory. Questions motivating this scholarship include: How have gender and sexuality been used as systems of social control throughout history? How have they served as catalysts for social change? Are gender and sexuality biologically determined or socially constructed? What types of messages do mass media and popular culture give us about gender and sexuality, and how do these messages influence self-identity? Using a range of disciplinary methodologies and perspectives, students develop a deeper understanding of the structures of power that shape gender and sexual identity. Students concentrating in WGSS should be able to:

Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate an understanding of interdisciplinary analyses of women, gender, and sexuality and communicate findings and interpretations clearly and effectively.
- Demonstrate an understanding of intersectionality: how various social systems, such as gender, race, class, and sexual orientation, operate in conjunction with each other.
- Explain various conceptions of gender and sexuality and indicate how these conceptions might reinforce or disrupt social structures.

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Concentration Requirements:

Required Courses

WGS/LCS 250	Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
WGS 490	Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Seminar (capstone course)	3

Electives

Select four of the following:¹

ANTH ST400	Special Topic in Culture, Rights and Reproduction	3
COM/SOC 359	The Sociological Imagination: What We See When We Watch T.V.	3

COM 473	Gender and Communication	3
HIS 263	American Women's History	3
HIS 361	Gender and World War II	3
HIS 368	Gender and American Culture in the 1950s	3
LCS 378	African American Studies ((When offered as Black Feminist Foundations & Futures)	3
LCS 383	Sexuality and Culture	3
LCS 464	Major Literary Figures	3
LCS 466	Women and the Creative Imagination	3
LCS/WGS 471	Sex, Love and Social Media	3
LGLS 413	Gender and the Law	3
PSY 471	Gender in Childhood	3
SOC 352	Sociology of Gender, Illness, and Health	3
SOC 356	Sociology of Family	3
SOC 360	Sociology of Sport	3
SOC ST300	Special Topics in Sociology From Womb to Tomb A Sociological Perspective on Sexuality	3
WGS 491	Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Internship	3

A minimum of 18 credit hours is required for the concentration.

¹ Only one at the 200 level.