

What is Women and Gender Studies (WGS)?

Women and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary field that examines gender, sexuality, and women's experiences.

Women and Gender Studies examines a range of issues, including

- How gender influences women and men's lives and experiences in society and politics
- The portrayal of women and men in arts, literature, and media
- Sociocultural and biological influences on gender development
- How gender influences thoughts and behavior
- How gender intersects with other forms of diversity, such as race, class, & culture
- The nature of sexuality
- Feminist theory and scholarship

At SUNY Buffalo State, students can earn a minor in Women and Gender Studies. The minor is open to women and men in every major.

Why Should You Get a Minor in Women and Gender Studies?

By earning a minor in Women and Gender Studies, you will develop a well-rounded understanding of gender, sex, and sexuality. This knowledge can complement your primary field of study as well as help you understand and act in an increasingly diverse world.

A Women and Gender Studies minor also can help you succeed in a variety of careers in areas such as

- Business
- Criminal Justice & Law
- Education
- Human Resources
- Human Services
- Journalism & Documentary Film
- Physical & Mental Health Professions
- Public Policy
- Social Justice & Political Activism
- Social Work
- The Arts
- And more

What does the Women and Gender Studies Minor Involve?

The minor consists of 18 credit hours.

Required Course: Choose 1 of these 2 courses:

WGS 101 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies*

SOC 312 Women in Society*

Elective Courses: Choose 5 classes from the Group A & B lists. At least 3 courses must be from Group A, and you can take a maximum of 2 courses per department prefix.

Group A Women and Gender as Primary Focus

AED 365 Seminar in Feminist Art and Criticism

ANT 332 Gender and Archaeology*

CRJ 430 Gender and the Administration of Justice*

ECO 302 Women in Economy*

ENG 231 Women in Literature*

ENG 385 Gender and Sexuality in Literature*

HEW 308 Women's Health Issues

HIS 302 History of Women in America*

HIS 445 History of Women and Gender in the Middle East

PSY 387 Psychology of Gender*

REL 303 Women in Religion*

SOC 310 Sociology of Sex and Gender*

WGS 389 Topics in Women and Gender Studies

WGS 488 Internship

WGS 495 Independent Project

WGS 499 Independent Research

Group B Women and Gender in a Broader Context

ANT 350 Global Marriage Practices*

BUS 305 Workplace Diversity in the 21st Century*

FTT 348 History of Costume

PHI 308 Philosophy of Love and Sex

PSC 319 GLBTQ Politics

PSC 375 Race/Sex/Politics of Myth

PSY 383 Psychology of Human Sexual Behavior

SOC 320 Sociology of the Family

SOC 392 Sociology of Sexual Behavior

SPC 333 Race, Class, & Gender in Media*

Topics Courses: In some semesters, there are Group A or B "special topics" courses, such as

COM 389 Gender, Sexuality, & Film

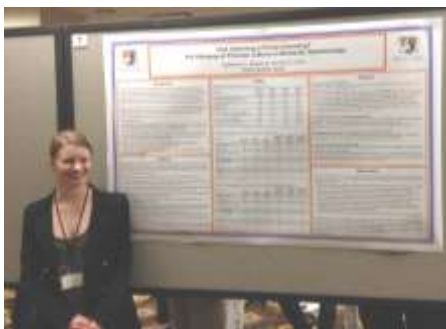
ENG 322 Toni Morrison

SWK 485 Women and Mental Health

* Also fulfill Intellectual Foundations requirements. The full list of classes is on the website.

As a Women and Gender Studies Minor, You also can be Involved with:

- Women and Gender Book Club
- Research, special projects, & internships
- Speakers and events related to gender
- Annual student awards



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