



WOMEN'S, GENDER & SEXUALITY Studies

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Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary program designed to help students develop a critical awareness of gender and sexuality in their own lives and our increasingly complex world. The program—which consists of a major and a minor—emphasizes critical thinking in addressing the intersection of sex, gender, class, race, sexuality, ethnicity, and culture. Course offerings provide students with skills and knowledge to challenge all forms of oppression through scholarship and activities that contribute to social change and justice.

Courses are taught by faculty from across the university, including: anthropology, English, history, music, philosophy and religious studies, political science, psychology, sociology, public health, and theatre arts. In addition to our interdisciplinary approach, many of our courses focus on gender and sexuality across the globe. We work to provide a close intellectual community in which students can cultivate their interests and discover new ones. Along the way, they practice the crucial skills of critical reflection, collaborative learning, and linking theory to action.



A degree in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality positions students for careers in many fields such as: community health, social work, domestic violence advocacy, marketing, public policy, education, journalism, non-profit administration, university admissions, international human rights work, and legal professions.

For students who wish to pursue advanced degrees, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies prepares them for many graduate school options. Your broad liberal arts background and specific interests will set you apart from other students.

For more information about the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program, please visit cwu.edu/women-gender or contact us at:

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BACHELOR OF ARTS, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies – Major

REQUIRED COURSES: 28 CREDITS

- WGSS 201 Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (5)
WGSS 250 Introduction to Queer Studies (5)
WGSS 326 Intersections of Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality (5)
WGSS 340 Gender and Sexuality in a Global Context (5)
WGSS 351 Feminist Theory (5)
WGSS 489 Senior Capstone (5)

ELECTIVES: 18-20 CREDITS

At least two courses from the social/natural science division and two courses from the humanities/arts/professional studies division, with no more than 10 credits from any one discipline.

Humanities/Arts, Education and Professional Studies

- ENG 335 Women's Literature (5)
COM 402 Gender Communication (4)
HIST 334 History of Gender & Sexuality in Africa from Pre-colonial Times to Present (5)
HIST 344 American Manhood in Historical Perspective (5)
PHIL 325 Women and Philosophy (5)

- PUBH 420 Women's Health Issues (3)
PUBH 488 Sexual Health (3)
RELS 376 Women and Western Religious Tradition (5)
TH 377 Staging Gender (4)

Social/Natural Sciences

- ANTH 356 Gender Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspectives (4)
ANTH 384 Language and Gender (4)
LAJ 403 Sexual Minorities, the Law and Social Justice (4)
LAJ 453 Domestic Violence Issues (4)
POSC 311 Women and Politics (5)
PSY 312 Queer Theory and Sexuality (4)
PSY 483 Psychology of Gender (3)
SOC 348 Women and Crime (5)
SOC 356 Sociology of Gender (5)
SOC 357 Sociology of Families (5)
SOC 358 Sociology of Sexualities (5)
SOC 359 U.S. Feminist Movements (5)

Special topics courses, cooperative education projects and independent study course may also count toward elective credit.

TOTAL CREDITS: 46-48

Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies – Minor

REQUIRED COURSES

- WGSS 201 Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (5)
WGSS 488 Capstone (2)

ELECTIVE COURSES

(select 18 credits, with no more than 10 credits in a single department)

- ANTH 356 Gender Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective (4)
ANTH 384 Language and Gender (4)
COM 402 Gender Communication (4)
ENG 335 Women's Literature (5)
HIST 334 History of Gender & Sexuality in Africa from Pre-colonial Times to Present (5)
HIST 344 American Manhood in Historical Perspective (5)

- LAJ 403 Sexual Minorities, the Law and Justice (4)
LAJ 453 Domestic Violence Issues (4)
PHIL 325 Women and Philosophy (5)
POSC 311 Women and Politics (5)
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PSY 483 Psychology of Gender (3)
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SOC 348 Women and Crime (5)
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SOC 357 Sociology of Families (5)
SOC 358 Sociology of Sexualities (5)
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TOTAL CREDITS: 25



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