The Graduate Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies

The Graduate Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary program of study which examines the significance and consequences of gender as a cultural category that shapes the experiences and knowledge of individuals and communities. Women’s and Gender Studies is grounded in feminist and gender theories that re-conceptualize and re-contextualize ideas and experiences as well as knowledge and knowledge production. This field of study allows for an in-depth exploration of the sociocultural, economic, and political implications of gender, race, class, ability, sexuality, and power relations - past, present, and cross-culturally.

The goal of the Certificate program is to offer a formal program of study for graduate students who seek to include Women’s and Gender Studies as a specific area of concentration in their graduate studies.

The Certificate Program in Women’s and Gender Studies is flexible and designed to accommodate both full-time and part-time graduate students. The courses required for the certificate include evening, hybrid and online courses. The Certificate consists of 15 hours of graduate study. Our courses expose students to interdisciplinary research and training focused on issues and topics in Women’s and Gender Studies. If you are interested in also completing a Master's Degree, you can apply the Graduate Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies toward a Master of Liberal Studies degree.

Courses

Students must complete 15 credit hours from the courses listed below. The following courses are required of all students pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies.

- **WGST6240**: Research and Methods (4 Cr. Hr.)
- **WGST5860**: Seminar in Feminist Theory (3 Cr. Hr.)
- **WGST5900**: Seminar in Women’s Studies (3 Cr. Hr.)

Students may choose electives from the following courses:

- **WGST5880** Queer and Sexuality Theories (3 Cr. Hrs.)
- **WGST5980**: Special Topics in WGST (3 Cr. Hrs.)
- **WGST6240** Research and Methods in Women’s and Gender Studies (4 Cr. Hrs.)
- **WGST6250** Feminism and Film (3 Cr. Hrs.)
- **WGST6260** Women, Gender and Disability (3 Cr. Hrs.)
- **WGST6980** Directed Reading in Women’s and Gender Studies

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