

Why become a Women's & Gender Studies Major?

- The faculty are dedicated to teaching, often with an interactive approach to teaching and learning.
- Classes are relatively small (20-30 range at introductory level and 15-20 at the upper division level).
- Many faculty have on-going research projects in which students can become involved (some students can apply with a faculty member for grants to get paid to do research with faculty).
- The W&GS program frequently invites guest speakers/artists. Students are encouraged to attend and participate in events.
- Each year the program recognizes several outstanding W&GS majors with awards.
- Participate in the Students Association for Gender Equality (SAGE). Contact Christine M. Doran at x3354.
- Internships and/or Study Abroad experiences are strongly encouraged.
- Internships for credit. Contact Toby White, Office of Experiential Education, x2863.
- STUDY ABROAD. Contact Krista LaVack, International Education Dept., x2507.

Potential Career Options

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of Women's and Gender Studies, students are uniquely prepared to seek employment in a variety of occupations and pursue a multitude of graduate study options.

Examples of professionals who graduated with a Women's and Gender Studies Major across the country (some of whom went on to pursue other graduate degrees):

- College President
- Social Worker
- Poet
- Lawyer
- State Trooper
- Case Worker
- Health Food Store Manager
- Psychologist
- Educator
- Business Owner
- International Health Aid Worker
- Midwife
- Museum Curator

Women's and Gender Studies Program



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WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES MAJOR
32-35 credit hours required

Women's and Gender Studies is a field that examines the historical construction and perpetuation of asymmetrical sex and gender systems, as well as their relationships to other systems of power. It explores the ways in which gender intersects with our personal identities, social arrangements, economic and political systems, and our ways of knowing and understanding the world.

Women's and Gender Studies is a multidisciplinary program that offers a major with course offerings from fifteen departments in the School of Arts and Sciences, The Crane School of Music, and the School of Education and Professional Studies. It also offers an interdisciplinary Women's and Gender Studies minor.

Women's & Gender Studies
Major Requirements:

The Women's and Gender Studies major has four core requirements: (1) Foundation Course, (2) Research Methods (3) Feminist Theory, and (4) Senior Seminar. In addition, students take one course from four different disciplinary perspectives: **a) Historical, b) Social-Political, c) Artistic-Literary, and d) Science-Health perspective.** Two additional W&GS electives are required as well (see website for elective listings). This interdisciplinary approach provides students with knowledge of key academic debates across the disciplines that frame the field of Women's and Gender Studies.

Required Courses

WMST 100 Women's & Gender Studies 1	3-4 cr.
WMST 360 Feminist Research Methods	4 cr.
WMST 462 Senior Seminar	4 cr.
Feminist Theory Course (choose one)	3-4 cr.
POLS 353 Feminist Political Thought	
OR	
PHIL 372 Feminism and Philosophy	

Multidisciplinary Perspectives Courses
12-13 Credits

Choose one course from each of the following four Perspectives.

Historical Perspective

HIST 304 History of American Women I	3 cr.
HIST 305 Modern American Women	3 cr.
HIST 450 Modern American Oral History	3 cr.
HIST 451 Witchcraft in Early America	3 cr.
ANTH 331 Women in Native America	3 cr.
COMM 416 Voices of American Women	3 cr.

Social-Political Perspective

ANTC 340 Anthropology of Gender	3 cr.
ANTL 342 Language and Gender	3 cr.
POLS 332 Women and Politics	
POLS 323 Welfare Policy Research	4 cr.
PSYC 363 Psychology of Women	3 cr.
SOCI 365 Sociology of Gender	3 cr.
SOCI 375 Women and Work	3 cr.
SOCI 376 Women and Crime	3 cr.

Artistic-Literary Perspective

DRAM 313 History of Theater 2	3 cr.
DRAM 414 Contemporary Theater Topics	3 cr.
LITR 355 Gender & Literature	3 cr.
LITR 445 American Women Writers	3 cr.
LITR 446 African American Women Writers	3 cr.
MUAH 350 Women in Music	3 cr.
SPAN 461 (Seminar - changes yearly)	3 cr.
SPAN 462 (Seminar - changes yearly)	3 cr.

Science-Health Perspective

ANTH 321 Cross-Cultural Aspects of Women's Health	3 cr.
ANTH 346 Human Sexuality 2: Evolving Sex Roles	3 cr.
PSYC 363 Psychology of Women	3 cr.
HLTH 341 Issues in Sexual Health	3 cr.
HLTH 344 Issues in Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Health	3 cr.

Electives
6-8 credits

Choose any **two** additional Women's and Gender Studies Courses. **A list of all approved Women's and Gender Studies courses elective courses is available online (http://www.potsdam.edu/womens_studies/)** and from the Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

Notes

1. Some courses have prerequisites in addition to WMST 100. See catalog or instructors for other prerequisites.
2. POLS 125 is the same as WMST 100.
3. A minimum grade of 2.0 is required for all courses in the major.
4. No course may double count for any of the above requirements.
5. No more than two courses may double count with any other SUNY Potsdam major or minor.

WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR
18-19 hours required

Required Courses

WMST 100 Women's & Gender Studies 1	3-4cr
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Electives

Choose five additional Women's and Gender Studies Courses as electives. **A list of all approved courses is available online (http://www.potsdam.edu/womens_studies/) and from the Director.**

Notes

1. At least three courses must be upper division courses (300 or above).
2. At least 1 of the upper division courses must have a multicultural or comparative perspective (MC) (see course designators online).
3. At least 3 courses must be from the School of Arts & Sciences.
4. Some courses have prerequisites in additions to WMST 100. See catalog or instructors for other prerequisites.
5. A minimum of 2.0 is required for all courses counted toward the minor.