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**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program Undergraduate Degree Program   
Name of New or Existing Program BA Women Studies  
Select Category Major  Degree Type  
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Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

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**Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.**

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

[REGISTRAR'S NOTE: THIS FORM PROPOSES A CHANGE TO REQUIREMENTS TO REMOVE WMST 298, AND PROPOSES REQUIREMENTS FOR WMST PROGRAM HONORS.]

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

**Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.**

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

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## **Women Studies College of Arts and Sciences**

### Introduction

Women Studies is an interdisciplinary program that is committed to educating students about the relationships among identity, power and knowledge toward the ends of social justice and empowerment. The program focuses on how gender intersects with race, sexuality, class, and nation. The program supports the development and application of new theories of feminist studies throughout the University and the application of feminist methods in order to evaluate critically scholarship and research in the disciplines. In addition, the program seeks to educate students in ways that enable them to respond to issues that affect the lives of women locally, regionally, and globally.

### **Undergraduate Program**

#### **College of Arts and Sciences and Women Studies Program Undergraduate Admission Requirements**

A minimum of 26 credit hours; 23 credit hours must be in courses acceptable toward graduation.

A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 on all work.

Transfer students must have a 2.0 transfer GPA.

Continuing UNM students must have a 2.00 institutional GPA.

Demonstrated academic achievement by satisfying the following:

Completion of the University Writing and Speaking Core.

Completion of the University Mathematics Core.

Completion of the University Foreign Language Core.

Completion of Women Studies Program admission coursework with grade of "C" or better:

One WMST course at any level.

### **Major Study Requirements**

36 credit hours as follows:

		Credit Hours
	18 credit hours of required courses:	
WMST 200	Introduction to Women Studies	3
WMST 304	Feminist Theories: Identity, Knowledge, and Power	3

WMST 325	Race, Class, Feminism	3
WMST 492	Senior Seminar	3
WMST 498	Field Study	3
	History courses (3 credit hours) from one of the following: HIST 345, or other History courses as approved by Undergraduate Advisor.	3
	9 credit hours in one focus area: (Feminist and Gender Theory, Social Science, Literature/Film/Arts, Regional/Global, Sexualities). History courses taken to fulfill core requirements may not be used to fulfill requirements for the focus areas.	9
	9 credit hours in at least 2 additional focus areas: (Feminist and Gender Theory, Social Science, Literature/Film/Arts, Regional/Global, Sexualities). History courses taken to fulfill core requirements may not be used to fulfill requirements for the focus areas. See Undergraduate Advisor or Web site for current list of approved electives.	9

## Second Major Study Requirements

Students may present Women Studies as a second major with 24 credit hours as follows:

(15 credit hours of required courses): 200, 304 or 325, 492, 498, and one history course from the following: HIST 345, or other History courses as approved by Undergraduate Advisor; (6 credit hours) in one focus area and (3 additional credit hours) from one other focus area. Other courses may be used upon petition to the Director. History courses taken to fulfill major core requirements may not be used to fulfill major requirements for the focus areas.

## HONORS PROGRAM IN WOMEN STUDIES

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the honors program a student must be a major in Women Studies and have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.

All honors candidates are expected to complete the Women Studies major requirements, (12 courses 36-credit hours) from the following three components:

#### 1. Core Courses – 6 (18 credit hours)

- a. WMST 200
- b. WMST 304
- c. WMST 325 or 331
- d. WMST 492
- e. WMST 498
- f. 1 course selected from the following list:

HIST345, or other History courses as approved by Undergraduate Advisor.

2. **Focus Area Courses** – 3 (9 credit hours) from one of the following areas:

Feminist and Gender Theory  
Social Science  
Literature/Film/Arts  
Regional/Global Themes  
Sexuality Studies

Please see Women Studies Program website for focus area course listings

3. **Electives** – 3 (9 credit hours) These courses must be chosen from outside the Focus Area selected by the student.

4. **Honors Thesis** – Student candidates for honors in Women Studies must also complete the Honors Thesis Seminar (WMST 493) (3 credit hours) during their senior year following their senior seminar.

### **Process for Admission in Women Studies Honors Program**

Qualified students who are interested in the Women Studies Honors Program must:

1) select an honors thesis faculty advisor, in consultation with the Program Undergraduate Advisor; 2) submit an application letter. Eligible students are strongly urged to submit their letter of application, co-signed by the honors thesis advisor, by October 15<sup>th</sup> of their junior year; 3) submit verification of scheduled, or taken, honors sequence, 4) provide a copy of an unofficial transcript.

#### **The Honors Sequence: 492, 493**

WMST 492 is the **Senior Seminar**. This course should be taken fall semester of the student's senior year. Teachers and topics may vary from year to year. This course is required of all senior students in the Women Studies Program. It is an advanced course emphasizing synthesis and development of research skills. **Honors students taking this course** will design a thesis research project, and begin the research, in close consultation with the student's thesis advisor.

WMST 493 is the **Senior Honors Thesis** writing course. This course is intended for honors candidates only and is usually taken in the spring semester of the honors student's senior year. Honors candidates must submit a description of their honors topic or an honors thesis title, co-signed by their honors thesis advisor, by October 15<sup>th</sup> of their senior year. This course will build upon the previous semester's senior seminar, students will complete the project research and write a thesis.

### **Awarding Honors in Women Studies**

If a Women Studies major fulfills all course requirements for the honors program, but fails to make a grade of B or higher on the senior thesis or fails to meet the GPA requirements for honors candidates at the time of graduation, the student may still graduate, albeit without honors.

### **Minor Study Requirements**

The Women Studies minor consists of 21 credit hours as follows: 9 credit hours from 200, 304 or 325, 492; 3 credit hours from 498, HIST 345, or other History courses as approved by Undergraduate Advisor; 6 credit hours from 1 focus area and 3 additional credit hours from one other focus area. Other courses may be used upon petition to the Director. History courses taken to fulfill core requirements may not be used to fulfill requirements for the focus areas.