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Minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Under Review | Fall 2025

Proposal Information

<div>Status</div> <div>Active</div>	<div>Workflow Status</div> <div>In Progress</div> <div>Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate</div> <div>Waiting for Approval Faculty Senate Approval</div> <div>Nancy Middlebrook</div> <div>Theresa Sherman</div> <div>expand ▲</div>
	<div>Changes</div> <div><div>• College</div><div>• Minor Requirements</div><div>• participants</div><div>• Interdepartmental Program</div><div>• Proposed Effective Term and Year</div></div> <div>Show All ▼</div>

Proposal Information

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<div>Proposed</div> <div>College</div> <div>College of Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary</div>	<div>Department</div> <div>Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies</div> <div>Campus</div> <div>Main Campus</div>
<div>Existing</div> <div>College</div> <div>College of Arts & Sciences</div>	

Effective Term and Year

Proposed
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Fall 2025

Existing
Proposed Effective Term and Year
Fall 2006

Justification

Proposed
Program Justification
Proposed changes will create a more flexible minor program to ensure that students can move through the program in a timely fashion. Deleting focus area requirements (changing to open electives as approved) and lowering the credit hours from 21 hours to 18 hours, which is more in line with other interdisciplinary minors in the College. Deleting the requirement for minors to complete the capstone/internship course to make it easier for them to graduate on time.

Existing
Program Justification

Program Category and Level

Program Category	Program Level	Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
Minor	Undergraduate	Minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Proposed

Is this program also offered online?

No

Existing

Is this program also offered online?

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Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Proposed

Select any associated program forms that exist

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Existing

Select any associated program forms that exist

Catalog Information

Proposed

Program Description

Women, Gender, and Sexuality 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.

Existing

Program Description

Contact the department for more information about this minor.

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

Proposed

License/Certification associated with program

No

Existing

License/Certification associated with program

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Minor Program Information

Minor Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - GNDR2110 - Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (3)
 - ~~WGSS498 - Feminism in Action (3)~~
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - WGSS304 - Feminist Theories: Identity, Knowledge and Power (3)
 - WGSS325 - Race, Class and Feminism (3)
 - ~~Complete at least 1 of the following:~~
 - ~~WGSS336 - Queer Theories (3)~~
 - ~~WGSS379 - Interdisciplinary Topics (1-3)~~
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - WGSS336 - Queer Theories (3)
 - PSYC2330 - Psychology of Human Sexuality (3)
 - WGSS379 - Interdisciplinary Topics (1 - 3)
 - WGSS332 - Latinx Sexualities (3)
 - WGSS333 - Politics of Sex (3)
 - CCS364 - Raza Genders and Sexualities (3)
 - Note: ~~If WGSS 379 is selected must be taken as Feminist Sexuality Studies in order to count toward the above Sexuality Studies area requirement.~~ **Note: WGSS 379 (topics) may be Feminist Sexuality Studies credit an unlimited number of times under different titles.**
 - Earn at least 9 credits from the following types of courses:
~~Focus Electives, Areas Requirement approved. Choose At least credit hours from one focus area, and 3 credit hours from one elective additional must focus have area:~~ **Focus Electives, Areas Requirement approved. Choose At least credit hours from one focus area, and 3 credit hours from one elective additional must focus have area:** • Feminist and Gender Theory • Literature, Film, and Arts • Regional/Global • Sexualities • Social Sciences Refer to Arts and Sciences Advisement or the program WGSS Web site for the current list of courses approved for each focus area prefix.

Grand Total Credits: 18