

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR

Offered at: San Luis Obispo Campus

The Women's and Gender Studies minor promotes intersectional and interdisciplinary scholarly inquiry, education, and activism that emphasizes how constructions, experiences, and expressions of gender change over time and are lived in relation to interlocking systems of sexuality, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic class status, disability, national origin, religion, size, and age (among other factors). Areas of exploration include gender identities, social movements, reproductive justice, care work and labor, media representations, and technologies, considered via active student learning and by exploring the vital contributions made to history, knowledge, and contemporary life by communities marginalized on the basis of gender in the United States and around the world.

Students completing the WGS minor will acquire intellectual and practical skills necessary to contribute to scholarship, activism, creative production, policymaking, and innovation in Women's and Gender Studies, and to contribute to creating a more inclusive, just, and equitable world for all.

Program Learning Objectives

1. Students will identify and explain foundational and contemporary research and theoretical literature in the interdisciplinary field of Women's and Gender Studies.
2. Students will define and summarize the ways that foundational and contemporary research and theoretical literature in the interdisciplinary field of Women's and Gender Studies draws upon and utilizes perspectives from the humanities, sciences, arts, and professions to expand existing and create new knowledge.
3. Students will review and analyze the historical and contemporary dynamics and impacts of sexism, patriarchy, and hegemonic white feminisms, with particular attention to the ways that norms and ideologies constitute and reproduce intersecting inequities within local, regional, national, and transnational contexts.
4. Students will examine and evaluate, via intersectional frameworks, the ways that constructions, experiences, and expressions of gender, shape and are shaped by social, political, ethical, institutional, economic, legal, cultural, scientific, and technological factors in the past and present.
5. Students will reflect upon and critique their own beliefs, attitudes, and potential biases related to gender as well as personal, policy, and community efforts for social change.
6. Students will employ and synthesize key concepts in Women's and Gender Studies to contribute to scholarship, activism, creative production, policy, the professions, and/or innovation.
7. Students will apply intellectual and practical skills to engage with issues of social justice and contribute to efforts to forge a more inclusive, just, and equitable world for all.

Minor Requirements and Curriculum

The minor must be completed prior to, or at the same time as, the requirements for the bachelor's degree. A major and a minor may not be taken in the same degree program, and a minor is not required for a degree. Requirements for the minor include:

- At least half of the units must be from upper-division courses (3000-4000 level).
- At least half of the units must be taken at Cal Poly (in residence).
- No more than one-third of the units will be taken with credit-no credit grading (CR/NC), not counting courses with mandatory CR/NC. Departments may further limit CR/NC grading if desired.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in all units counted for completion of the minor.

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED COURSES		
Select from the following: ¹		3
WGQS 1101	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies	
WGQS 1145	Reasoning, Argumentation, and Writing on Gender and Sexuality	
WGQS 2201	Gender and Sexuality in US Society and Politics	
Select from the following: ¹		3
WGQS 3301	Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies ²	
WGQS 3305	Feminist and Queer Methodologies	
WGQS 3325	Masculinity Studies	
WGQS 4450	Feminist Theory	4
Core Courses		
Select from the following: ³		6-8
WGQS 2301	Gender and Sexuality in Visual and Popular Culture	
WGQS 2401	Sexuality Studies	

WGQS/SOC 3311	Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
WGQS/PSY 3324	Psychology of Gender
WGQS/ART 3327	Intersectional Feminist Art Histories
WGQS 3330	Feminist/Queer Transnational Studies
WGQS/ISLA 3335	Feminist Studies of Popular Culture and Whiteness
WGQS/PHIL 3336	Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society
WGQS/ES 3350/HNRS 3353	Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology
WGQS/ES 3351	Gender, Race, Class, Nation: Critical Computing and Engineering Studies
WGQS/ISLA 3360	Feminist Studies of Disability in Popular Culture
WGQS/RELS 3370	Religion, Gender, and Society
WGQS 3385	Porn Studies
WGQS 4400	Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates
WGQS 4401	Seminar in Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies
WGQS 4417	Feminist Legal Theory
WGQS/HIST 4421	The History of Prostitution
WGQS/SOC 4423	Gender and Work
WGQS/HIST 4434	United States Women's and Gender History to 1877
WGQS/HIST 4435	United States Women's and Gender History since 1877
WGQS/POLS 4457	U.S. Reproductive Politics
WGQS/HIST 4458	Gender and Sexuality in Modern Europe
WGQS 4467	Women's, Gender & Queer Studies Internship
WGQS 4470	Special Advanced Topics

Approved Electives

Select from the following: ⁴ 3-4

ANT 4425	Meaning, Gender, and Identity in Anthropological Theory
ENGL 3345	Women Writers of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries
ENGL 2250	Introduction to Women Writers
ENGL 3349	Trans Literatures
ENGL 3373	Topics on Gender Representations in Film
ES 3311	Beyonce: Race, Feminism, and Politics
ES 3324	Chicana/o/x Film
ES 3325	African American Genders and Sexualities
ES 3340	Cultural Production and Ethnicity
ES 3380	Critical Race Theory
ES 3381	Social Constructions of Whiteness
ES 3382	Racial Capitalism
HIST 2216	Comparative Social Movements
ISLA 3320	Issues in Values, Media and Culture ⁵
KINE 3323	Sport and Gender
POLS 3310	Politics of Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in the U.S.
PSY 3304	Intergroup Dialogues
SOC 4402	Gender, Crime, and Violence
TH 3305	Diversity in U.S. Theatre ⁵
WGQS 2270	Special Topics

Total Units
19

¹ Required Courses not taken to satisfy a requirement listed above can be used to satisfy Core or Approved Elective requirement.

² Repeatable up to 6 units. Credit may be earned more than once when course is taken with different subtitles or topics.

³ Core Courses not taken to satisfy a requirement listed above can be used to satisfy Approved Elective requirement. Half of Core Course units must be upper-division.

⁴ Additional prerequisites may be needed depending on your major's curriculum requirements.

⁵ Minor advisor approval required. Approval contingent on course subtitle. Contact the department for list of approved subtitles.