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Women's Studies is an approach that places women in the center of inquiry. The primary mission of Women's Studies is to analyze gender. Students acquire both a local and global perspective on gender. Attentiveness to diversity, privilege and power, and women's unique creative contributions to human experience are central aspects of this training. More than simply a body of knowledge, Women's Studies encourages students to apply their learning to transform their lives and their communities. Women's Studies offers a vital perspective everywhere gender impacts our world.

Career Opportunities

Women's Studies is open to all who want to know more about the impact of gender on their lives and the world. Students find the field valuable to a variety of educational and career goals. Many Women's Studies students report their classes enhanced their self-esteem and confidence. Nationally, Women's Studies students have established successful careers in a variety of fields from diversity studies to law, K-12 to graduate studies, biology to nursing, the creative arts to telecommunications, criminology to victim services, business and management to social change organizing, history to philosophy, and health to social services.

Program Faculty

The Women's Studies Program has its own full-time and part-time faculty who come

from a variety of disciplines: American studies, anthropology, education, history, sociology, political science, English, and philosophy. In addition to this core faculty, cooperating faculty members teach women's studies courses in their home departments: anthropology, art, Chicano and Latin American studies, criminology, drama, education, English, ethnic studies, health sciences, history, philosophy, psychology, recreation, and sociology. Saturday School faculty are most often chosen from the community-at-large on the basis of their particular area of expertise.

Faculty

Loretta Kensinger, *Coordinator*
Roksana Badruddoja
Kathryn Forbes
Janet Slagter

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

<i>Women's Studies Major</i>	<i>Units</i>
Major requirements	36
Core: WS 103, 143, 153, 175	(12)
Approved electives	(24)
General Education requirements	51
Electives and remaining degree requirements	33-42*
Total units	120

*This total indicates that three courses (9 units) in General Education also may be applied to fulfill WS major requirements. These courses are WS 12 in G.E. Foundation A3, WS 10 in G.E. Breadth D3, and WS 18 in G.E. Breadth E1.

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B.A. in Women's Studies

Minor in Women's Studies

Certificate in Alcohol/Drug Studies

Victim Services Certificate

Consult the program coordinator or faculty adviser for additional details.

Advising Notes

1. The 24 units of electives must be selected from a list of approved courses available in the Women's Studies Program office. At least one course must be selected from each of the following three clusters:

Cluster 1, Gender and Diversity — WS 120, 125, 136T (with adviser approval), 150T (with adviser approval), 151T (with adviser approval); ASAM 138; CLAS 162; WS/AAIS 137.

Cluster 2, Women and the Arts and Humanities — WS 110, 136T (with adviser approval), 148, 150T (with adviser approval), 151T (with adviser approval); WS/ENGL 168T; WS/ENGL 194T; WS/HIST 102T; LING 130; PHIL 110.

Cluster 3, Women and the Social, Natural, and Applied Sciences — WS 114, 135, 136T (with adviser approval), 150T (with adviser approval), 151T (with adviser approval), 160; WS/CRIM 126; WS 127/HS 126; WS/HS 130; WS/SOC 132; MGT 189T; SWRK 271T.

2. No more than 3 units may be selected from the 1-unit Saturday courses: WS 108, 109, 112, 116, and 150T.
3. *CR/NC* grading is not permitted in the women's studies major, except for courses offered only under *CR/NC* grading.