

WOMEN'S STUDIES MAJOR (B.A.)

<http://cola.unh.edu/womens-studies>

Description

A major or minor in women's studies prepares students for careers where the changing roles of women, and gender more broadly, have a perceptible impact. Many women's studies graduates go on to law school and graduate school in a variety of disciplines. With a women's studies degree, students often take positions with social change or family service agencies, and in fields such as politics, communications, community organizing, education, affirmative action, healthcare, and human resources.

Students who wish to major in women's studies should consult with the coordinator or academic/student services assistant, 203 Huddleston Hall, (603) 862-2194.

Requirements

The women's studies major requires students to complete 40 credits of major-approved coursework with grades of C- or better and an overall grade point average in major courses of 2.00 or higher.

WS 401	Introduction to Women's Studies	4
or WS 405	Gender, Power and Privilege	
WS 632	Feminist Thought (Only offered Spring Semester)	4
Discovery Program Capstone Requirement:		
WS 798	Colloquium	4
or WS 799	Honors Thesis	
Select seven additional courses chosen in consultation with a WS academic advisor ¹		28
Total Credits		40

¹ At least two of the courses must be WS courses. The remaining courses may be either WS courses or WS-faculty-approved courses offered in departments or programs outside of WS (cross-counted courses). A list of cross-counted courses can be found each semester at: <http://cola.unh.edu/womens-studies/courses>.

At least five courses for the major must be taken at the 600 level or above. Only two 400-level courses may be used to satisfy major requirements.

WS topic courses include WS 444s, WS 505s, WS 510, WS 515, and WS 798s:

444 Inquiry Courses

WS 444	Trans/Forming Gender	4
WS 444A	Race Matters	4
WS #444B	Score!: Gender and Diversity in Sports	4
WS 444C	On the Roads to Equality	4
WS 444D	Cyborgs, Avatars, and Feminists: Gender in the Virtual World	4

505 Surveys

WS 505 Survey in Women's Studies

- Sustainability & Spirituality
- Fashion This!
- Race, Gender, and Environmental Justice
- Intro to LGBTQ+ Studies
- Weight Matters: Intro to Fat Studies
- The Care Economy
- Queer Cinema
- Queer Sustainability

WS 510 Framing Feminism: Gender Politics in Film

WS 515 Game Girl: The Social Construction of Gender Identities in Video Games

798 Colloquiums

WS 798 Colloquium

- Feminist Studies in Film
- Jewish Feminism, Politics, and Culture
- Global Feminist Issues
- Transgender Feminism
- Theater as a Provocative Act
- The Moral Limits of the Market
- Native and Indigenous Women
- Queer Sustainability

For a list of currently-approved cross-counted offerings from other departments, please check: <http://cola.unh.edu/womens-studies/courses>

A practicum, internship course, and/or research with faculty is strongly recommended.

Major department courses may not be used to satisfy Discovery category requirements, unless women's studies is your second major. First and second majors may double count no more than two courses between the WS major and another major or minor.

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of arts candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement. ASL: COMM 401 American Sign Language I and COMM 402 American Sign Language II may be used to satisfy the language competency requirement.