

# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR

<https://cola.unh.edu/womens-gender-studies/program/minor/womens-gender-studies>

## Description

Women's and gender studies provides students with an understanding of the status of women in various cultures and historical eras, in the nexus of race, class, sexuality, religious and disability studies. Students learn the use of gender as a category of analysis and increase their knowledge of women's contributions to many fields. Women's studies courses offer students critical perspectives on such basic questions of the social order as assumptions about gender roles and gender identity.

As a relatively small department in the College of Liberal Arts, we provide students with a sense of community and opportunities to contribute directly to changing the campus climate. In a rigorous academic environment, women's and gender studies offers students a springboard for activism. Our internship program enables students to gain first-hand work experience across many fields.

A major or minor in women's and gender studies prepares students for careers where the changing roles of women are having a perceptible impact. Alumni go on to law school and graduate school in a variety of disciplines. Some have taken positions with social change or family service agencies, while others have found work in such fields as health care, journalism, education, human rights, social and environmental justice, and the arts.

Students who wish to minor in women's and gender studies should consult with the [Department Chair](#) or [Coordinator](#) in 203 Huddleston Hall.

## Requirements

For the women's and gender studies minor, students must complete 20 credits of women's and gender studies courses with a grade of C- or better. Courses taken pass/fail may not be used toward the minor. No more than eight credits used to satisfy the requirements for another major may be used for the women's and gender studies minor. Students electing the women's and gender studies minor must complete:

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		4
WS 401 or WS 405	Introduction to Women's Studies Gender, Power and Privilege	
WS 798	Colloquium (normally taken at the end of the course sequence) <sup>1</sup>	4
Complete three other women's studies courses, either program courses or those that are cross-counted with other departments		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>20</b>

<sup>1</sup> It may be possible to substitute WS 795 Independent Study, WS 796 Advanced Topics, WS 797 Internship, and WS 799 Honors Thesis for WS 798 Colloquium with permission from a women's studies adviser.