GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES

Gender and Women’s Studies is an interdisciplinary program offering a minor for undergraduates, support for curricular development and research by faculty, and opportunities to collaborate with community and campus partners who are intrigued by how gender shapes the world. Faculty and courses from twelve departments across the university contribute to the program.

The minor is offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, but is open to all undergraduates regardless of major. In addition to two required courses in Gender and Women’s Studies (GWST 2113 Transnational Women’s Studies (S) or GWST 2123 Introduction to Gender Studies (DH); GWST 4113 Feminist Theories), students choose from courses focusing on gender and women (9 hours), and from classes that complement gender and women’s studies (6 hours).

Students in Gender and Women’s Studies pursue research in the history of women, in theories of gender, in feminism, in the cultural construction of masculinity, and in the cross-cultural intersections of race, class, nationality and sexuality. Work in Gender and Women’s Studies can lead to and enrich a wide variety of careers, including nonprofit development, graduate training in humanities and the social sciences, education, curatorial administration, human resources, creative writing and reportage, international relations, publishing, public relations, electoral politics and advocacy.

Courses

GWST 2113 Transnational Women’s Studies (S)
Description: Introduction to research on women and gender in transnational contexts. Interpersonal relationships, socioeconomic status, power and authority as women experience them, myths and realities among women of different races, classes, ethnicities, sexual orientation, nationalities, ages, and physical ability. Work in Gender and Women’s Studies can lead to and enrich a wide variety of careers, including nonprofit development, graduate training in humanities and the social sciences, education, curatorial administration, human resources, creative writing and reportage, international relations, publishing, public relations, electoral politics and advocacy.

GWST 3450 Topics in Gender Studies
Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 or permission of instructor.
Description: Suggested topics include: women and health, women and science, women and religion. Previously offered as WMST 3450. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

GWST 3713 Gender and Representation (D)
Description: Examination of poststructuralist and/or feminist theories of femininity, relationships, gender, and race and ethnicity in contexts of film, literature, history, or popular culture. Likely topics include Foucault, Butler, D’Emilio, Lorde, Kristeva, Anzaldua, and/or the Censors. Previously offered as WMST 3713.

GWST 3613 Race and Reproduction in the U.S. (D)
Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 recommended.
Description: An interdisciplinary examination of the interrelationship between race and gender in the U.S. Issues explored include malthusianism, sterilization, racial politics, family planning, and reproductive politics. Issues explored include malthusianism, sterilization, family planning, and reproductive politics. Issues explored include malthusianism, sterilization, family planning, and reproductive politics. Issues explored include malthusianism, sterilization, family planning, and reproductive politics. Issues explored include malthusianism, sterilization, family planning, and reproductive politics. Issues explored include malthusianism, sterilization, family planning, and reproductive politics.

GWST 3513 Theorizing Sexualities (D)
Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 recommended.
Description: Examination of poststructuralist and/or feminist theories of sexualities in contexts of film, literature, history, or popular culture. Likely topics include Foucault, Butler, D’Emilio, Lorde, Kristeva, Anzaldua, and/or the Censors. Previously offered as WMST 3513.

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GWST 4113 Feminist Theories  
**Prerequisites:** GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 or consent of instructor.  
**Description:** Examines the different types of feminist theories and the role theory plays in the production of knowledge. A variety of feminist theories will be considered from an interdisciplinary perspective. Previously offered as WMST 4113.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Dean of Arts & Science  

GWST 4333 History of Sexuality in the United States (D)  
**Description:** This course examines the history of sexuality in the U.S. from the 16th century to the present. It considers how social, cultural, political, and economic conditions have affected changing meanings of sexuality over time. It takes an intersectional approach, paying particular attention to how issues of race, class, and gender have shaped attitudes towards and experiences of sexuality in the American past. Same course as HIST 4333.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** History  
**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Diversity  

GWST 4503 Theorizing Men and Masculinities  
**Prerequisites:** GWST 4113 or permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Examines the roles of men in various cultural contexts, the historical development of manhood as an ideal, and theories of masculinities.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Dean of Arts & Science  

GWST 4950 Special Topics in Global Feminism  
**Prerequisites:** GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 or permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Selected topics in the problems and issues of global women's and feminist activism. Highlights the continuing fight to secure gender equality, especially in developing nations. Exploration of the women's movement links with other human rights struggles across the globe. Previously offered as WMST 4950. Offered for 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Dean of Arts & Science  

GWST 4990 Directed Readings in Gender Studies  
**Prerequisites:** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Examines gender studies issues and topics. Previously offered as WMST 4990. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 1  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Dean of Arts & Science  

GWST 5103 Gender and Sexuality  
**Description:** This course offers an interdisciplinary survey of major works and key concepts in the field of Gender and Women's Studies.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Dean of Arts & Science  

GWST 5300 Seminar in Gender and Women's Studies  
**Description:** This course will offer a topics-based graduate colloquium in the interdisciplinary and international field of Gender and Women's Studies. Potential topics include Gender and Modern War, Feminist Aesthetics, Sexuality and Space, Cold War Masculinities, and Gender and International Relations. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 1  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Dean of Arts & Science  

GWST 5990 Directed Readings in Gender and Women's Studies  
**Description:** Specialized readings or independent study in GWST. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-3  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Dean of Arts & Science  

### Undergraduate Programs

- Gender and Women's Studies (GWST), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/minors/gender-womens-studies-minor)

### Faculty

Lucy Bailey, PhD—Professor and Director