

# Major in Gender + Women's Studies

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Gender + Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry that investigates how gender and sexuality operate as organizing axes of social, cultural, economic and political institutions, as well as in the everyday lives and cultural products of people who must live within them. Emphasizing the importance of historical and cross-cultural perspectives, the Gender and Women's Studies Department at UMBC critically examines the intersections of gender and sexuality with other differences, including, class, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, and ability to make visible structures of power that otherwise remain hidden.

The Gender + Women's Studies Department offers a major, undergraduate certificate, and two minors, Gender + Women's Studies and Critical Sexuality Studies.

**To complete the major in Gender + Women's Studies, students must complete 36 credits of gender and women's studies coursework, divided as follows:**

<b><u>CORE COURSES (15 credits)</u></b>			
<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>GEP</b>	<b>Semester offered</b>
GWST 100	Introduction to Gender + Women's Studies	SS	
GWST 200	Studies in Feminist Activism	SS	Spring Only
GWST 300	Methodologies of Gender, Women's + Sexuality Studies	WI	Fall Only
GWST 480	Theories of Feminism		
GWST 495	Colloquium: Research + Activism	WI	Spring Only

**ELECTIVE COURSES (21 credits)** - Twelve (12) credits must be spread across the three content areas as designated below. The additional nine (9) credits may be from any non-Core approved GWST courses, including topics courses (GWST 290, 390, 490 and GWST 292, 392, 492). **Six (6) of the twenty-one (21) credits must be designated "Range of Experience" (RoE) courses. While all GWST courses are designed to explore multiple diversities, Range of Experience (RoE) courses focus specifically on the intersections of gender with race/ethnicity, class, nation, and/or sexual orientation, for example.**

<b><u>History and Public Policy (6 credits)</u></b>			
<b>Course Number(s)</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>RoE</b>	<b>GEP</b>
GWST/AMST 210	Introduction to Critical Sexuality Studies	RoE	SS / C
GWST 315	Modern Masculinities		
GWST/HIST 325	History of Women in America to 1870		SS
GWST/HIST 326	History of Women in America Since 1870		SS
GWST 327/AFST 354/HIST 323	African-American Women's History	RoE	SS
GWST/POLI 328	Women + Politics		
GWST 330/ANCS 320	Women + Gender in the Classical World		AH / C
GWST/POLI 338	Women, Gender + Law		SS
GWST 340	Women, Gender + Globalization	RoE	SS / C
GWST/HIST 366	Doin' It: Case Studies/History of Western Sex.	RoE	SS
GWST/HIST 374	European Women's History 1200-1750		SS / C
GWST/HIST 375	European Women's History 1750-present		SS / C
GWST/ SOWK 377	Women + Social Policy		SS
GWST/HIST 380	History of Women + Gender in Asia	RoE	C
GWST/AMST 382	Perspectives on the Family		AH
GWST 383	History + Politics of Sexuality	RoE	
GWST/AFST 439	Women in Africa + the Diaspora	RoE	

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<b>Representations as/in Culture (3 credits)</b>			
<b>Course Number(s)</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>RoE</b>	<b>GEP</b>
GWST/PHIL 258	Introduction to Feminist Philosophy		
GWST/MLL 320	Transnational Feminist Film	RoE	AH / C
GWST 321	Queer Representations in Film + TV	RoE	AH
GWST/MLL 322/AFST 347	Gender, Race + Media	RoE	AH
GWST 323	Gender + Sitcoms		
GWST 342	Gender in Modern South Asia	RoE	AH / C
GWST 343	Gender, Human Rights + Political Violence: Latin Am	RoE	AH / C
GWST 348/ART 329	Black, Queer + Feminist Film	RoE	
GWST/THTR 349	Gender, Sexuality + Theatrical Performance	RoE	AH
GWST/ENGL 364	Perspectives on Women in Literature		AH
GWST 365	Black Women Novelists	RoE	
GWST/PHIL 391	The Philosophy of Sex		
GWST/MLL 413	Language, Gender + Sexuality		
GWST/PHIL 458	Advanced Topics in Feminist Philosophy		
GWST/ENGL 464	Studies in Women + Literature		

<b>Material, Social, and Technological Contexts (3 credits)</b>			
<b>Course Number(s)</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>RoE</b>	<b>GEP</b>
GWST/ECON 250	Gender Roles in Economic Life		
GWST/MLL 255	Intercultural Paris	RoE	
GWST/AMST 310	Gender + Inequality in America		AH
GWST/SOCY 332	Human Sexuality in Sociological Perspective		
GWST/SOCY 333	Human Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspective		
GWST 345	Unruly Bodies	RoE	
GWST/CMSC/IS 352	Women, Gender + Information Technology		SS
GWST/SOCY 353	Marriage + the Family		SS
GWST/SOCY 355	The Sociology of Women		SS
GWST/PSYC 356	The Psychology of Sex + Gender		
GWST/PSYC 357	Psychology of Women		
GWST /ANTH 367	Anthropology of Gender		
GWST/AFST 370	Black Women: Cross-Cultural Perspectives	RoE	SS
GWST/AFST 371	The Female Offender		
GWST 378	Women, Gender + Science		WI, SS
GWST 381	Sexuality + Reproduction in the US		
GWST/SOCY 433	Gender, Work + Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective	RoE	WI
GWST/SOCY 434	Gender + the Life Course		
GWST 485	Sexuality + Queer Theory	RoE	

**NOTES:**

- A "C" or better is required in all courses applied toward the major.
- A maximum of six (6) credits of GWST electives may be taken at the 200 level.
- A maximum of three (3) GWST independent study credits may be counted toward the major.
- A maximum of three (3) GWST internship credits may be counted toward the major.

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