

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.

The major is 36 credits, divided as follows:

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

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). ***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.***

<u>History and Public Policy (6 credits)</u>			
Course Number(s)	Course Name	RoE	GEP
GWST /AMST 210	Introduction to Critical Sexuality Studies	RoE	SS
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 and Politics		
GWST 330/ANCS 320	Women and Gender in the Classical World		AH or C
GWST/POLI 338	Women, Gender and Law		SS
GWST 340	Women, Gender and Globalization	RoE	SS or C
GWST/HIST 366	Doin' It: Case Studies/History of Western Sex.	RoE	
GWST/HIST 374	European Women's History 1200-1750		SS or C
GWST/HIST 375	European Women's History 1750-1914		SS or C
GWST/HIST 376	European Women's History 1914-Present		SS or C
GWST/ SOWK 377	Women and Social Policy		SS
GWST/HIST 380	History of Women and Gender in Asia	RoE	C
GWST/AMST 382	Perspectives on the Family		AH
GWST 383	History and Politics of Sexuality	RoE	
GWST/AFST 439	Women in Africa and the Diaspora	RoE	



Representations as/in Culture (3 credits)			
Course Number(s)	Course Name	RoE	GEP
GWST/PHIL 258	Introduction to Feminist Philosophy		
GWST/MLL 320	International Feminist Filmmakers	RoE	AH or C
GWST 321	Queer Representations in Film and TV	RoE	AH
GWST/MLL 322/AFST 347	Gender, Race and Media	RoE	AH
GWST 323	Gender and Sitcoms		
GWST 342	Gender in Modern South Asia	RoE	AH or C
GWST 343	Gender, Human Rights + Political Violence: Latin Am		
GWST/THTR 349	Gender, Sexuality and Theatrical Performance		AH
GWST/ENGL 364	Perspectives on Women in Literature		AH
GWST 365/AFST 360	Black Women Novelists	RoE	
GWST/PHIL 391	The Philosophy of Sex		
GWST/MLL 413	Language, Gender and Culture		
GWST/PHIL 458	Advanced Topics in Feminist Philosophy		
GWST/ENGL 464	Studies in Women and Literature		

Material, Social, and Technological Contexts (3 credits)			
Course Number(s)	Course Name	RoE	GEP
GWST/ECON 250	Gender Roles in Economic Life		
GWST/MLL 255	Intercultural Paris	RoE	
GWST/AMST 310	Gender and 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 and Information Technology		SS
GWST/SOCY 353	Marriage and the Family		SS
GWST/SOCY 355	The Sociology of Women		SS
GWST/PSYC 356	The Psychology of Sex Differences		
GWST/PSYC 357	Psychology of Women		
GWST/AFST 370	Black Women: Cross-Cultural Perspectives	RoE	SS
GWST/AFST 371	The Female Offender		
GWST 378	Women, Gender and Science		WI, SS
GWST 381	Cultural Politics of Population in the US		
GWST/SOCY 433	Gender, Work and Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective	RoE	WI
GWST/SOCY 434	Gender and the Life Course		
GWST 485	Sexuality and 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.

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