

# Certificate in Gender + Women's Studies

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

**The certificate is 24 credits, divided as follows:**

<b><i>CORE COURSES (12 credits)</i></b>			
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>GEP</b>	<b>Semester offered</b>
GWST 100	Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	SS	
GWST 200	Studies in Feminist Activism	SS	Spring Only
GWST 300	Methodologies of Gender and Women's Studies	WI	Fall Only
GWST 480	Theories of Feminism		Fall Only

<b><i>WOMEN'S HISTORY COURSES (3 credits)</i></b>			
<b>Course Number(s)</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>RoE</b>	<b>GEP</b>
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 330/ANCS 320	Women and Gender in the Classical World		AH or C
GWST/HIST 366	Doin' It: Case Studies in the History of Western Sexuality	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/HIST 380	History of Women and Gender in Asia	RoE	C

## ***ELECTIVE CREDITS (9 credits)***

Nine credits of elective Gender and Women's Studies courses, including at least two courses that specifically address the range of women's experiences (RoE), for example through a focus on international women, ethnicity, sexual orientation and/or class. Students who wish to pursue GWST in even more depth than the certificate permits should consider pursuing the B.A.

## ***NOTES:***

A "C" or better is required in all courses applied toward the certificate.

A maximum of three GWST independent study credits may be counted toward the certificate.

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