

Minor 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 minor is 18 credits, divided as follows:

| <i>CORE COURSES (9 credits)</i> | | | |
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| 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 480 | Theories of Feminism | Fall Only | |

ELECTIVE CREDITS (9 credits)

Nine upper level elective Gender and Women's Studies courses must be completed, including at least one course that specifically addresses the range of women's experience, for example through a focus on international women, ethnicity, sexual orientation and/or class (RoE).

NOTES:

- Selected topics courses (GWST 290, 390 and 490) topics may be counted toward the 9 credits in electives with permission of adviser.
- 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 each minor.
- A "C" or better is required in all courses applied toward the minor.

Students who wish to pursue Gender and Women's Studies in even more depth than the minor permits can do so by:

- earning a certificate in Gender and Women's Studies;
- majoring in Gender and Women's Studies; or
- earning a minor in Critical Sexuality Studies

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