

# 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 + Women's Studies and Critical Sexuality Studies.

**To complete the Certificate in Gender + Women's Studies, students must complete 24 credits of gender and women's studies coursework, divided as follows:**

<b><i>CORE COURSES (12 credits)</i></b>			
<b>Course #</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, Women's + Sexuality Studies	WI	Fall Only
GWST 480	Theories of Feminism		

<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	SS
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 + Gender in Asia	RoE	C
GWST 383	History + Politics of Sexuality	RoE	

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

Nine credits of elective Gender and Women's Studies courses, including topics courses in Gender + Women's Studies (GWST 290, 390, 490). At least two elective courses must specifically address the range of women's experiences (RoE) for example through a focus on international women, ethnicity, sexual orientation and/or class.

- NOTES:**
- A "C" or better is required in all courses applied toward the certificate.
  - 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 certificate.

### **Contact your advisor to schedule an appointment for advising:**

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