

# 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 + Women's Studies and Critical Sexuality Studies.

**To complete the minor in Gender + Women's Studies, students must complete 18 credits of gender and women's studies coursework, divided as follows:**

<b><i>CORE COURSES (9 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 480	Theories of Feminism		

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

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

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>RoE</b>	<b>GEP</b>
GWST/MLLI 320	Transnational Feminist Film	RoE	AH / C
GWST 340	Women, Gender, + Globalization	RoE	SS / C
GWST 342	Gender in Modern South Asia	RoE	AH / C
GWST 343	Gender, Human Rights + Political Violence: Latin America	RoE	AH / C
GWST 345	Unruly Bodies	RoE	

## ***NOTES:***

- A "C" or better is required in all courses applied toward the minor.
- Selected topics courses (GWST 290, 292, 390, 392, 490 and 492) topics may be counted toward the 9 credits in electives with permission of adviser.
- A maximum of six (6) credits of GWST courses may be taken at the 200 level.
- A maximum of three (3) GWST independent study credits may be counted toward each minor.

**Students who wish to pursue Gender and Women's Studies in even more depth 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

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

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