

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.

To complete the major in Gender + Women's Studies, students must complete 36 credits of gender and women's studies coursework, divided as follows:

CORE COURSES (15 credits)

| Course # | Course Name | GEP | Semester offered |
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| GWST 100 | Introduction to Gender + Women's Studies | SS/C | |
| GWST 200 | Studies in Feminist Activism | SS | Spring Only |
| GWST 300 | Methodologies of Gender, Women's + Sexuality Studies | WI | |
| GWST 480 | Theories of Feminism | | |
| GWST 495 | Colloquium: Research + Activism | WI | Spring Only |

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 and GWST 292, 392, 492). *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.*

History and Public Policy (6 credits)

| Course Number(s) | Course Name | RoE | GEP |
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| GWST/AMST 210 | Introduction to Critical Sexuality Studies | RoE | SS / C |
| GWST 315 | Modern Masculinities | | AH/C |
| 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 + Politics | | |
| GWST 330/ANCS 320 | Women + Gender in the Classical World | | AH / C |
| GWST/POLI 338 | Women, Gender + Law | | SS |
| GWST 340 | Women, Gender + Globalization | RoE | SS / C |
| GWST/HIST 366 | Doin' It: Case Studies/History of Western Sex. | RoE | SS |
| GWST/HIST 374 | European Women's History 1200-1750 | | SS / C |
| GWST/HIST 375 | European Women's History 1750-1914 | | SS / C |
| GWST/Hist 376 | European Women's History 1914-Present | | SS/C |
| GWST/ SOWK 377 | Women + Social Policy | | SS |
| GWST/HIST 380 | History of Women + Gender in Asia | RoE | C |
| GWST/AMST 382 | Perspectives on the Family | | AH |
| GWST 383 | History + Politics of Sexuality | RoE | |
| GWST/AFST 439 | Women in Africa + the Diaspora | RoE | |

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| Representations as/in Culture (3 credits) | | | |
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| Course Number(s) | Course Name | RoE | GEP |
| GWST 220 | Introduction to Transgender Studies | RoE | |
| GWST/PHIL 258 | Introduction to Feminist Philosophy | | |
| GWST/MLL 320 | Transnational Feminist Film | RoE | AH / C |
| GWST 321 | Queer Representations in Film + TV | RoE | AH |
| GWST/MLL 322/AFST 347 | Gender, Race + Media | RoE | AH |
| GWST 323 | Gender + Sitcoms | | |
| GWST 342 | Gender in Modern South Asia | RoE | AH / C |
| GWST 343 | Gender, Human Rights + Political Violence: Latin Am | RoE | AH / C |
| GWST 344 | Transnational Femininities | RoE | |
| GWST 348/ART 329 | Black, Queer + Feminist Film | RoE | |
| GWST/THTR 349 | Gender, Sexuality + Theatrical Performance | RoE | AH |
| GWST/ENGL 364 | Perspectives on Women in Literature | | AH |
| GWST 365 | Black Women Novelists | RoE | |
| GWST/PHIL 391 | The Philosophy of Sex | | |
| GWST/MLL 413 | Language, Gender + Sexuality | RoE | |
| GWST/PHIL 458 | Advanced Topics in Feminist Philosophy | | |
| GWST/ENGL 464 | Studies in Women + Literature | | |

| Material, Social, and Technological Contexts (3 credits) | | | |
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| Course Number(s) | Course Name | RoE | GEP |
| GWST/ECON 250 | Gender Roles in Economic Life | | |
| GWST/MLL 255 | Intercultural Paris | RoE | AH |
| GWST/AMST 310 | Gender + 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 + Information Technology | | SS |
| GWST/SOCY 353 | Marriage + the Family | | SS |
| GWST/SOCY 355 | The Sociology of Women | | SS |
| GWST/PSYC 356 | The Psychology of Sex + Gender | | |
| GWST/PSYC 357 | Psychology of Women | | |
| GWST /ANTH 367 | Anthropology of Gender | | |
| GWST/AFST 370 | Black Women: Cross-Cultural Perspectives | RoE | SS |
| GWST/AFST 371 | The Female Offender | | |
| GWST 378 | Women, Gender + Science | | WI, SS |
| GWST 381 | Sexuality + Reproduction in the US | | |
| GWST/SOCY 433 | Gender, Work + Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective | RoE | WI |
| GWST/SOCY 434 | Gender + the Life Course | | |
| GWST/PSYC 444 | Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity | RoE | |
| GWST 485 | Sexuality + 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.
- A maximum of three (3) GWST internship credits may be counted toward the major.

Contact your advisor to schedule an appointment for advising:

If you need an advisor, or you have questions about the degree options in GWST + CSST, contact: