

# Certificate in Gender + Women's Studies

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Gender, Women's, + Sexuality 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 and transnational perspectives, Gender, Women's, + Sexuality Studies 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. We empower students to imagine a more just future and equip them with the tools to collectively enact it.

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

**To complete the certificate in Gender and 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 + Women's Studies	SS/C	
GWST 200	Studies in Feminist Activism	SS	Spring Only
GWST 300	Methodologies in Gender, Women's, + Sexuality Studies	WI	
GWST 480	Theories of Feminism		

## ***ELECTIVE CREDITS (12 credits)***

12 elective credits: 3 credits must be one of the following women's history courses. **Of these 12 elective credits, 6 credits must be designated Range of Experience (RoE) courses and 6 must be at the 300 level and above.** Students have the option to take up to 3 credits of independent study and 3 credits of internship towards completion of the certificate. Selected topics courses (GWST 290, 292, 390, 392, 490, 492) topics may be counted toward the 12 credits in electives.

<b><i>WOMEN'S HISTORY COURSES (3 credits)</i></b>			
<b>Course #</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
GWST327/AFST354/HIST323	African-American Women's History	RoE	SS
GWST330/ANCS320	Women and Gender in the Classical World		AH/C/WI
GWST/HIST 366	Doin' It: Case Studies in the History of Western Sexuality	RoE	SS/C
GWST/HIST 374	European Women's History 1200-1750		SS/C
GWST/HIST 375	European Women's History 1750-Present		SS/C
GWST/HIST 380	History of Women + Gender in Asia	RoE	C
GWST 383	History and Politics of Sexuality	RoE	

**NOTE:** A C or better is required in all courses applied toward the certificate

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

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

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