

Major 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 + Women's Studies and Critical Sexuality Studies.

The major in gender and women's studies consists of 36 credits, divided as follows:

| <i>CORE COURSES (15 Credits)</i> | | | |
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| Course # | Course Name | GEP | Semester Offered |
| GWST 100 | Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies | SS/C | |
| GWST 200 | Studies in Feminist Activism | SS | Spring Only |
| GWST/CSST 300 | Methodologies of Gender, Women's, + Sexuality Studies | WI | |
| GWST 480 | Theories of Feminism | | |
| GWST 495 | Colloquium: Research + Activism | WI | Spring Only |

ELECTIVE CREDITS (21 credits) – Complete 21 elective credits: 12 credits must be from the three content areas listed below, and an additional 9 credits of GWST courses. **Of these 21 elective credits, 6 credits must be designated Range of Experience (RoE) courses and 15 must 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 major.

Selected topics courses (CSST 292, 392, 492, GWST 290, 390, 490) may be counted toward the 21 credits in electives.

| <i>History and Public Policy (6 credits)</i> | | | |
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| Course Number | Course Name | RoE | GEP |
| CSST 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 American Since 1870 | | SS |
| GWST 327/AFST 354/HIST 323 | African-American Women's History | RoE | SS |
| GWST/POLI 328 | Women, Gender, Sexuality, + Political Power in the US | | |
| GWST330/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 Sexuality | RoE | SS/C |
| GWST 373/HIST 379 | "Do Muslim Women Need Saving?" – Women and Gender in Islam | RoE | |
| 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 and Social Policy | | SS |
| GWST 379/SOWK 376 | Intimate Partner Violence, a Social Work Perspective | RoE | |
| GWST/HIST 380 | History of Women + Gender in Asia | RoE | C |
| GWST/AMST 382 | Perspectives on the Family | | AH |
| GWST 383 | History and Politics of Sexuality | RoE | |
| GWST/AFST 439 | Women in Africa and the Diaspora | RoE | |

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| Representations as/in Culture (3 credits) | | | |
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| Course Number | Course Name | RoE | GEP |
| CSST 321 | Queer Representations in Film and TV | RoE | AH |
| GWST/CSST 220 | Introduction to Transgender Studies | RoE | |
| GWST/AMST 245 | Arab and Muslim Experiences in the US | RoE | AH/C |
| GWST/PHIL 258 | Philosophy, Race, and Gender | | |
| GWST/MLL 320 | Transnational Feminist Film | RoE | AH/C |
| GWST/MLL 322/AFST 347 | Gender, Race, and Media | RoE | AH/C |
| GWST 323 | Gender and Sitcoms | | AH |
| GWST/MUSC 334 | Women in Music | | |
| GWST 341 | Indigenous and Decolonial Feminisms | RoE | |
| GWST 342 | Gender in Modern South Asia | RoE | AH/C |
| GWST 343 | Gender, Human Rights, + Political Violence: Latin America | RoE | AH/C |
| GWST 344 | Transnational Femininities | RoE | AH/C |
| GWST 348 | Black, Queer, + Feminist Film | RoE | |
| GWST/THTR 349 | Gender, Sexuality, + Theatrical Performance | RoE | AH |
| GWST/ENGL 364 | Perspectives on Women in Literature | | AH/WI |
| 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 | Course Name | RoE | GEP |
| CSST 345 | Unruly Bodies | RoE | AH/C |
| CSST 485 | Sexuality + Queer Theory | RoE | |
| GWST/ECON 250 | Gender Roles in Economic Life | | |
| GWST/MLL 255 | Intercultural Paris | RoE | AH/C |
| 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 | | SS/C |
| GWST/CMSC/IS 352 | Women, Gender, and Information Technology | | SS |
| GWST/SOCY 353 | Marriage + the Family | | SS |
| GWST/SOCY 355 | The Sociology of Gender | | SS |
| GWST/PSYC 356 | The Psychology of Sex + Gender | | |
| GWST/PSYC 357 | Psychology of Women + Gender | | |
| GWST/ANTH 367 | Anthropology of Gender | | |
| GWST/AFST 370 | Black Women: Cross-Cultural Perspectives | RoE | SS/C |
| GWST/AFST 371 | The Female Offender | | |
| GWST 378 | Women, Gender, + Science | | SS/WI |
| GWST 381 | Reproductive Justice 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 | WI |

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

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 the department

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