

# Minor in Gender + Women's Studies

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This interdisciplinary minor is designed for students in any major who also want a concentration in the study of gender. The minor investigates how gender operates as an organizing axis of social, cultural, economic, and political institutions, as well as in the everyday lives and cultural products of people who must live within them. Special attention is paid to how gender intersects with other differences, including race, sexuality, class, religion, nation, disability, and age, and how power, resistance, and life chances are differentially distributed at these intersections. This minor will empower students to imagine a more just future and equip them with the tools to collectively enact it.

The minor provides a good foundation of critical reading, writing, and thinking skills that prepare students for work or graduate school in a variety of fields, including psychology, law, social work, medicine, nonprofit management, human resources, and more. **To earn the minor, students must complete 18 credits of coursework offered by the Department of Gender, Women's, + Sexuality Studies, 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/C	
GWST 200	Studies in Feminist Activism	SS	Spring Only
GWST 480	Theories of Feminism		

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

Complete 9 elective credit for the minor. **Of these 9 elective credits, 3 credits must be designated Range of Experience (RoE) courses and 3 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 minor. Topics courses (CSST 292, 392, 492, GWST 290, 390, 490) may be counted toward the 9 credits in electives

<b><i>RoE COURSES (3 Credits)</i></b>			
<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>RoE</b>	<b>GEP</b>
CSST 321	Queer Representation in Film and TV	RoE	AH
CSST 345	Unruly Bodies	RoE	AH/C
GWST/MLL 320	Transnational Feminist Film	RoE	AH/C
GWST 340	Women, Gender, and Globalization	RoE	SS/C
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

**NOTES:** A C or better is required in all courses applied toward the minor

**Students who wish to pursue Gender, Women's, + Sexuality 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.**

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

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