

Major in Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies

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Offered by Gender, Women's, + Sexuality Studies, this is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry that investigates how gender and 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, two undergraduate certificates, 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:

CORE COURSES (15 Credits)			
Course #	Course Name	GEP	Semester Offered
GWST 100	Introduction to Gender + 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.

History and Public Policy (6 credits)			
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/WI
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)			
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)			
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		C/SS
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	RoE	
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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