

Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Major

WGSS / University of Houston

The Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Major, draws upon the dynamic energy of the global city of Houston, Texas, and the great diversity of the University of Houston campus. The major promotes an intersectional, multidisciplinary and transnational approach that critically assesses existing hierarchies, inequalities, and forms of privilege. The major also challenges students to understand how categories of gender, sexuality, race, class, dis/ability, and citizenship shape not only their own lives but also the lives of people in their communities and around the world. The program's strength comes from the diversity of the perspectives it draws from, including faculty affiliates from 14 different disciplines as well as a deep engagement with communities and organizations in Houston.

The 30 hour major consists of the following:

- I. 3 hours in Intro to Women's Studies (WGSS 2350) or Intro to GLBT Studies (WGSS 2360)
- II. 3 hours in Gender, Society & Feminist Theory (WGSS 3350) or Theory, Sexuality & Queer Theory (WGSS 3360)
- III. 3 hours in Issues in Feminist Research (WGSS 4350)
- IV. 3 hours in Capstone Internship Course (WGSS 4360)*
- V. 3 hours in Gender in Transnational Perspective (WGSS 3321) or Intersectionalities (WGSS 3322)
- VI. 15 hours in cross-listed advance course electives (3300 or above) from approved course list**

* Student must meet with advisor for Capstone approval

**Courses must be equally distributed between Social Science Courses and Humanities (6 hours Humanities and 9 hours Social Sciences or vice versa).

At least 21 of the 30 hours must be taken in residence. A maximum of 9 hours of approved transfer substitutes will be accepted toward the major. A minimum of C (2.00) is required for a course to count toward the major, and a minimum 2.00 grade point average is required for the major.

The interdisciplinary nature of this Major requires that students not confine to any one department or college. WGSS is housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and located in Agnes Arnold Hall (624 AH).

Individuals interested in a Major in WGSS can contact the WGSS Advisor, Bobbie Sue Schindler, at bschindler@uh.edu (check her availability in Navigate at <https://uh.edu/provost/navigate/index.php>).

For nonadvising questions contact the WGSS program by email at wgss@uh.edu or call 713 743 3214.

Current and Future WGSS Catalogue Courses at the University of Houston

The following is a partial list of current catalogue courses that can be counted toward the WGSS major electives. Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog for the full list.

Humanities:

CLAS 3374: Women in the Ancient World
COMM 3372: Gender and Media
ENGL 3361: Women in Literature
ENGL 4341: Queer Theory
HIST 3351: Work & Family Life-Modern Europe
HIST 3378: Modern Middle East
HIST 4323: Witchcraft in the Old and New World
PHIL 3356: Feminist Philosophy
SPAN 3350: Women in Hispanic Literature
WGSS 3360: Sexuality and Queer Theory
WGSS 4350: Issues in Feminist Research

Social Science

ANTH 3347: Anthropology of Women
HLT 4302: Health Aspects of Human Sexuality
HLT 4306: Women's Health Issues
POLS 3390: Women in Politics
POLS 3368: Race, Gender and Ethnic Politics
PSYC 3331: Psychology of Gender
SOC 3321: African-American Family
SOC 3371: Sociology of the Family
SOC 3372: Mexican American Family
SOC 3390: Sociology of Gender

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Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies Bachelor of Arts Checklist

AREA	COURSES
Communication (6 hours)	_____ ; _____ ENGL 1303, 1304
Mathematics (3 core hours)	_____ MATH 1310 or from core approved list
Math Reasoning (3 core hours)	_____ From core approved list
American History (6 core hours)	_____ ; _____ HIST 1376/1377 AND 1378/1379
Political Science (6 core hours)	_____ ; _____ POLS 1336 AND 1337
Language, Philosophy & Culture (3 core hours)	_____ From core approved list
Creative Arts (3 core hours)	_____ From core approved list
Life and Physical Sciences (6 core hours)	_____ ; _____ From core approved list
Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)	_____ ; _____ From core approved list
Writing in the Disciplines (3 hours)	_____ From core approved list
Foreign Language (6 hours at 2000 level)	_____ ; _____
CLASS Required Courses (9 core hours)	_____ ; _____ ; _____
<p>From the following fields:</p> <p>African-American Studies, American Cultures, Anthropology, Art, Art History, Chinese, Classical Studies, Communications, Communication Disorders, Dance, Economics, English, French, Geography, German, GLBT Studies, Greek, History, Honors, Interdisciplinary Studies, Italian, Jewish Studies, Kinesiology, Latin, Mexican-American Studies, Music (MUED, MUSA, MUSI), Nutrition, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Russian, Russian Studies, Sociology, Spanish, Theatre, and Women's Studies</p> <p>*** NOTE the following restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit must be outside the Students major • Credit must be in addition to that used to satisfy any core curriculum requirement • Credit must be in addition to that used to satisfy the B.A. Degree Foreign Language requirement. 	

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Major: 30 hours – at least 27 advanced

	_____ WGSS 2350 or 2360 – 3 hours (required) Introductory Course
	_____ WGSS 3350 or 3360 – 3 hours (required) 3350: Gender, Society, & Feminist Theory 3360: Sexuality & Queer Theory
	_____ WGSS 3321 or 3322 – 3 hours (required) 3321: Gender in Transnat'l Perspective 3322: Intersectionalities
	_____ WGSS 4350 – 3 hours (required) Issues in Feminist Research
	_____ WGSS 4360 – 3 hours (required) Capstone
	WGSS cross-listed electives (Advanced 15 hours) *** Humanities advanced electives: _____ ; _____ Social Sciences advanced electives: _____ ; _____ Humanities or Soc Sci: _____
	*** WGSS 3321, 3322, 3350, and 3360 can count as electives if not already used to fulfill requirements
ELECTIVES: the number of hours required to bring to total number of hours to 120 (approximately 33 hours)	
	The other degree requirements can be met by completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A approved minor • A second major • A second degree • A Senior honors thesis <p>* A Minimum of 120 hours (including 36 advanced hours - 3000/4000 level) must be completed for this degree plan. No more than 66 hours from a Junior college can apply towards the degree. The last 30 hours must be completed uninterrupted, at the University of Houston Main campus.</p>