The Women’s Studies Program offers graduate-level course work but no graduate degree programs.

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No graduate degree programs offered.

All 500- and 600-level graduate courses include requirements or assignments which differentiate them from their companionate 300- and 400-level undergraduate offerings. Students who have taken a course at the 300 or 400 level may not include that course at the 500 or 600 level in a graduate program, except in the case of special topics courses when the topic is not the same as that taken at the undergraduate level.

WMNS 508 Topics in LGBTQ Studies (3 crs)
Prerequisite: WMNS 206 or WMNS 406 or consent of instructor.
• Cross-listed with WMNS 308.

This course provides students with an opportunity to investigate a specific topic in LGBTQ Studies. Topics studied vary from semester to semester.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 513 Gender, Sex, and Science in European History (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with HIST 313/HIST 513 and WMNS 313. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

This course examines recent scholarship in European history on gender, sexuality, science, and the body. It focuses on the historical construction of gender and sexuality, the gendering of science, inclusion/exclusion in academic and scientific work.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 535 Transnational/Global Feminisms (3 crs)
Prerequisite: One previous women’s studies course or consent of instructor.
• Cross-listed with WMNS 335.

Provides frameworks for understanding the complexity of women’s lives outside the USA. Includes theories for local as well as global/transnational understandings of the factors enabling women to mobilize and enact changes to improve their lives.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 3

WMNS 536 Psychology of Women (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 336 and PSYC 336/PSYC 536. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Advanced undergraduate/graduate seminar designed to examine how both traditional and feminist psychological theories and research may apply to women’s lives. Topics include sexuality, violence, gender roles, work, relationships, body image, reproduction, motherhood, and sexual orientation.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 544 Women, Work and Family (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 344. Credit may not be earned in both courses. No credit if taken after WMNS 433 when offered as Women & Work-Family Issues.

Feminist analysis of work-family issues with emphasis on women’s experiences. Contemporary and/or historical perspectives on intersections of work and family, potentially including multicultural, social, psychological, economic, queer, and/or additional perspectives will be explored.

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 551 Women and Politics (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 351 and POLS 351/POLS 551. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Analysis of women’s roles and participation in politics: as citizens, voters, candidates, and officeholders. The impact of feminism and the women’s movement on issues and policymaking.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 556 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 356 and ANTH 356/ANTH 556. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Study of women’s domestic, social, economic, political, and religious roles in a broad range of the world’s societies. Examination of the historical development of women’s roles and contemporary changes.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
WMNS 557 Women and Economic Development (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 357 and ECON 357/ECON 557. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses. No credit if taken after WMNS 480 in summer of 2001.

Provides economic, institutional, and feminist frameworks for understanding socioeconomic realities of women in Asia, Africa, Latin American, and the Middle East. Topics analyzed include changing roles of women in economy and household during the process of economic development.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 573 American Women's History to 1870 (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 373 and HIST 373/HIST 573. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Examines the history of black, white, and red women, including gender politics; women as the co-creators of culture; changes related to education, religion, work, sexuality, and marriages; and women and revolution and war.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 578 American Women's History Since 1870 (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 378 and HIST 378/HIST 578. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Explores women’s relationship to the economy and to political movements; changing ideals of womanhood; the demographic and sexual revolutions; and class, race, ethnic, and regional variations in women’s experience.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 585 The History of Middle Eastern Muslim Women (3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 385 and HIST 385/HIST 585. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Examines the lives of Middle Eastern Muslim Women, and the ways in which people have represented them, from the seventh through the twentieth centuries. Considers feminist, historicist, and post-modern interpretations.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 594 Studies in the History of Women (1-3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 394 and HIST 394/HIST 594.

Selected aspects depending on student interest and staff. Number of credits assigned will vary according to nature of topic. Possible topics include a survey of entire history of women in Western world or women in American history. Consult schedule or department office for current offering.

Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WMNS 595 Directed Studies (1-3 crs)
Consent: Department Consent Required
• Cross-listed with WMNS 395.

Study of a women’s studies problem or topic approved by supervising instructor and women’s studies coordinator. May be applied to the Critical Research Project requirement for the Women’s Studies minor. May also address individual or group projects for exploration of topical issues or questions confronted in other courses. Ordinarily, this course will involve only students who have completed some Women’s Studies coursework.

Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WMNS 596 Queer Theories and Sexual Politics (3 crs)
Prerequisite: WMNS 200 or WMNS 206 or three credits of women's studies courses, or consent of instructor.
• Cross-listed with WMNS 406. Credit may not be earned in both courses. With permission of the instructor, a feminist theory course in another discipline may fulfill the prerequisite.

Seminar addresses theoretical and political debates that confront the institution of heterosexuality. Queer theorists contextualize gender and sexualities within LGBTQ social movements for civil rights. Explores intersectionality of LGBTQ oppression (heterosexism) with other social forces.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 3

WMNS 631 Women and Communication (1-3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 431.

Addresses issues related to communication, women, and/or gender.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WMNS 632 Women and Science (1-3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 432.

Explores gender issues in science. Examines questions of gender-related bias in scientific content, methodologies, project execution and analysis. Consideration of the status of women in science.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WMNS 633 Women and Social Science (1-3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WMNS 433.

Addresses issues related to the social sciences, women, and/or gender.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
WMNS 634 Women and the Humanities (1-3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WMNS 434.

Addresses issues related to the humanities, women, and/or gender.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WMNS 636 Education of Girls and Women in the United States (2 crs)
- Cross-listed with WMNS 436 and ES 436/ES 636. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses. No credit if taken after special topics or directed study with the same title.

This course will focus on both informal and formal definitions of schooling and explore a wide array of influences and choices that contribute to the preparation of resilient women who grow and change through their lifetime.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 682 Women in Latin American Literature (3 crs)
Prerequisite: SPAN 363/SPAN 563 or SPAN 367/LAS 367 / SPAN 567/LAS 567.
- Cross-listed with WMNS 482 and SPAN 482/SPAN 682. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

This course is an in-depth study of the representation of women in contemporary Spanish American literature in their historical, cultural, and social contexts. Taught entirely in Spanish.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 690 Feminist Analysis and Practices: Interdisciplinary Themes (3 crs)
Prerequisite: WMNS 100 or WMNS 301, and WMNS 200, and WMNS 250; or consent of instructor
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
- Cross-listed with WMNS 490. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Comparative study of the theories and methods of feminism, from historical, multidisciplinary, and cross-cultural perspectives. Examines theoretical foundations, current debates and advances in feminist scholarship.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WMNS 696 Capstone: Social Justice Practicum (3 crs)
Consent: Department Consent Required
- Cross-listed with WMNS 496. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

As a culminating experience, students work collectively to understand and address community needs. Collaborating with a community organization and guided by feminist approaches to social justice, students strategize, implement and assess a plan of action.
Attributes: Capstone Course, Field Trip(s) Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Seminar Hours: 3

WMNS 698 Women's Studies Internship (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: Three credits of WMNS courses.
Consent: Department Consent Required
- Cross-listed with WMNS 498.

Supervised application and examination of Women’s Studies theory in a professional setting related to the student’s area of interest.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option