

WOMEN'S STUDIES AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR

The WSGS Minor serves to enhance and deepen student learning within the discipline of their major program. Through the WSGS lens of intersectionality, students acquire analytical skills that enable them to see the world in new ways and offer innovative solutions to social and theoretical problems. Minors may also engage in WSGS service-learning or internship opportunities that help them link theory and practice and advocate for social justice.

In the spirit of interdisciplinarity, the WSGS Minor includes a robust list of elective options in Anthropology, Criminal Justice, English, History, Psychology, Sociology, and Theology (among other programs) that enhance the foundational curriculum. In this way, students integrate their learning with one or more disciplines to prepare for graduate school or the professions.

Curriculum

A minor in the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program consists of five courses (or 15 hours):

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
WSGS 101 or WSGS 201	Introduction to WSGS from a Global Perspective Contemporary Issues in WSGS	3
Electives		
Select four (4) electives from courses crosslisted with the WSGS program.		12
Total Hours		15

Interdisciplinary Elective Courses

These are courses outside of the Women's Studies and Gender Studies (WSGS) department that permanently count toward elective requirements. For a full list of WSGS courses, click here (<https://catalog.luc.edu/course-descriptions/wsgs/>). There may also be courses that are temporarily tagged to count toward interdisciplinary elective requirements. These can be found in LOCUS (<https://locus.luc.edu/>) in the class schedule.

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 106	Sex, Science and Anthropological Inquiry	3
ANTH 203	Violence, Social Suffering, and Justice	3
ANTH 205	Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
ANTH 245	Gender in Deep Time	3
ANTH 307	The Body and Culture	3
ANTH 346	Biology of Women	3
BIOL 346	Biology of Women	3
CJC 370	Women in The Criminal Justice System	3
CJC 373	Intimate Partner Violence	3
CLST 271G	Classical Mythology - Women/Gender Focus	3
CLST 273G	Classical Tragedy - Women/Gender Focus	3
CLST 295	Women in the Classical World	3
COMM 281	Communication, Language & Gender	3
ENGL 283	Women in Literature	3
ENGL 306	Studies in Women Writers	3

ENGL 306A	Studies in Women Writers Before 1700	3
ENGL 306B	Studies in Women Writers 1700-1900	3
ENGL 306C	Studies in Women Writers Since 1900	3
ENGL 307	Topics in Feminist and Gender Studies	3
ENGL 369A	Women in Drama Before 1700	3
ENGL 369B	Women in Drama 1700-1900	3
FNAR 207	Women, Art, and Society	3
FNAR 360	Picturing Women in Renaissance and Baroque Art	3
HIST 290A	History of Sexuality in the United States	3
HIST 310C	Medieval Women	3
HIST 310L	Love and Violence in Medieval Culture and Society	3
HIST 329	Women's Sphere in Past Society	3
HIST 329C	Empire, Sex, Violence: European Colonial History	3
HIST 331A	Food, Hunger and Power in the Modern World	3
HIST 337A	Women in Russia and Eurasia, 1860-Present	3
HIST 339F	History of Feminist Thought and Social Action	3
HIST 341C	Tunisia On-Site: Arab Spring, Democratic Change, Islam	3
HIST 349A	Women in East Asia	3
HIST 358	Women in Latin American History	3
HIST 377	African American Women's History	3
HIST 381	Rebels & Reformers in U.S. History	3
HIST 382	Teaching Race, Class, and Gender	3
HIST 389B	Topic: Gender, Race, & Class in US History	3
HIST 389C	Gender Benders	3
LITR 291	Italian & Italian-American Women Writers	3
PHIL 322	Philosophical Perspectives on Woman	3
PLSC 251	Women in American Politics	3
PLSC 312	Feminist Theory	3
PLSC 319	Women, Law & Public Policy	3
PLSC 355C	Women and Politics: A Cross-National Perspective	3
PLSC 399	Tunisia On-Site: Arab Spring, Democratic Change, Islam	3
PSYC 235	Psychology of Human Sexuality	3
PSYC 238	Gender & Sex Differences & Similarities	3
PSYC 239	Understanding Bias and Inclusivity	3
PSYC 340	Psychology of Women	3
PSYC 360	Understanding Prejudice	3
SOCL 123	Mass Media and Popular Culture	3
SOCL 171	Sociology of Sex and Gender	3
SOCL 210	Gender and Work	3
SOCL 239	Understanding Bias and Inclusivity	3
SOCL 240	Families	3
SOCL 250	Inequality in Society	3
SOCL 262	Movements for Social Justice: 60s & Beyond	3
SOCL 266	Development and Social Change in Modern China	3
SPAN 361	Hispanic Women Writers	3
THEO 278	Religion & Gender	3
THEO 365	Women, Gender and Embodiment in Islam	3

Interdisciplinary Options

For students obtaining an English degree:

Code	Title	Hours
WSGS 201	Contemporary Issues in WSGS	3
ENGL 283	Women in Literature	3
ENGL 306	Studies in Women Writers	3
COMM 281	Communication, Language & Gender	3
FNAR 207	Women, Art, and Society	3

For students obtaining a Political Science degree:

Code	Title	Hours
WSGS 101	Introduction to WSGS from a Global Perspective	3
PLSC 355C	Women and Politics: A Cross-National Perspective	3
SOCL 276	The Sociology and Politics of Food	3
CJC 370	Women in The Criminal Justice System	3
PHIL 327	Topics in Political Philosophy	3

For students obtaining a Psychology degree:

Code	Title	Hours
WSGS 201	Contemporary Issues in WSGS	3
PSYC 238	Gender & Sex Differences & Similarities	3
PSYC 340	Psychology of Women	3
SOCL 250	Inequality in Society	3
SOWK 502	Power, Oppression, Privilege, and Social Justice	3

For students obtaining a Sociology degree:

Code	Title	Hours
WSGS 101	Introduction to WSGS from a Global Perspective	3
WSGS 201	Contemporary Issues in WSGS	3
SOCL 240	Families	3
HIST 290A	History of Sexuality in the United States	3
SOCL 276	The Sociology and Politics of Food	3

For students obtaining a Theology degree:

Code	Title	Hours
WSGS 201	Contemporary Issues in WSGS	3
WSGS 375	Masculinity Studies: Equity, Race, Transformation	3
THEO 192	Topics in Moral Problems	3
THEO 365	Women, Gender and Embodiment in Islam	3
SOCL 250	Inequality in Society	3

Learning Outcomes

Upon graduating, undergraduate Women's Studies and Gender Studies students will be able to:

- Identify major influences within key historic feminist movements. These influences may include activists, authors and/or writings, or legislation.
- Articulate how women's studies and gender studies is a distinct field connected to other interdisciplinary fields of study.
- Evaluate, compare, and critique gender and feminist theories and methodologies.
- Identify the interactions and intersections of identities (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, and so on) and assess the ways in which they contribute to instances of privilege and power dynamics across cultures, space, and time.

- Recognize their relationship within their communities and understand that actions (or inactions) are integral to overcoming inequalities.
- Connect theory with practice through a service learning or internship experience.
- Identify and employ legitimate sources of information covering social inequalities and injustices.
- Read current social inequities effectively and suggest solutions based on feminist methodologies.
- Prepare for graduate study and for work in professional fields.