

## Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies Application

### Program Overview

Women's and Gender Studies is a flexible interdisciplinary program devoted to the critical analysis of gender and the pursuit of knowledge about women throughout history and around the world. Combining the methods and insights of traditional liberal arts disciplines with the special insights of scholarship on women's and gender studies, our courses yield fresh perspectives on the nature of gender as it intersects with race, ethnicity, class, religion, and nation, and encourage students to look beyond their own culture and era in examining gender's role in shaping society. Through interdisciplinary breadth and an emphasis on critical thinking, women's and gender studies prepares students to employ critical learning in their private lives as well as in public roles as citizens and member of a diverse and complex workforce.

### Degree Requirements

27 semester hours of WGST coursework are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree, including:

1. A minimum 2.0 GPR
2. A minimum grade of C for a course to count in the major
3. Completion of a minor in another field (or completion of a double major)
4. Completion of distribution requirements in the major as outlined below.

At least 12 semester hours in the major must be completed in advanced courses (300-400 level), and at least 12 semester hours in the major field must be completed in residence at Texas A&M University.

### Distribution requirements

- WGST 200 - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: Historical and cross-cultural perspectives on women's roles in culture, the work place, the family and other sociopolitical institutions; the social construction of gender, sexuality and racism; social control mechanisms and ideologies.
- WGST 401 - Feminist Theory: Inquiry-based examination of feminist theory from various periods and disciplinary perspectives, with application to societal debates and controversies. Prerequisites: WGST 200 or approval of instructor; junior or senior classification.
- WGST 481 - Senior Seminar: Survey of key feminist texts; history of women's thought with emphasis on post-World War II feminist theory; analysis of recent landmark texts and contemporary theories, with attention to the diversity of women's ethnic, class, sexual and cultural experience; application of theories to current debates and controversies. Usually only offered in the Spring semester.
- 6 hours WGST humanities courses\*\*
- 6 hours WGST social sciences courses\*\*
- 6 hours WGST international and cultural diversity courses (\*\*courses may be applied both toward this requirement and toward the WGST humanities/social sciences requirements)
- 0-6 hours WGST electives as selected in consultation with the WGST advisor.

### Application Process

To apply for a change of major to Women's and Gender Studies, students must submit the following to the Women's and Gender Studies Academic Advisor.

1. Completed, signed application form
2. Approval signatures from minor departments
3. Answers to all essay questions
4. Completed Women's and Gender Studies degree plan. **FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**

*Please visit our website for current contact information regarding advising hours and location.*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Apt No.

City State Zip Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell

NEO E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Minor #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Minor #2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Understanding:**

Upon approval of my application, I understand that the courses listed on the attached degree plan constitute the requirements for completing the Women's and Gender Studies degree.

**Please sign your initials next to each requirement to acknowledge your understanding.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I must earn at least 36 hours of 300-400 level coursework at Texas A&M to be eligible for graduation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I must fulfill all requirements of the Texas A&M University Core Curriculum including two (2) Writing Intensive (section 900) courses in the major and six (6) hours of International and Cultural Diversity courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ I must complete four semesters of a foreign language.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am bound by all rules contained within the Texas A&M University Catalog that is my catalog of record.

I understand that the Women's and Gender Studies degree offers me flexibility in designing a program of study to meet my educational goals. Because there is some personalization to the degree, I understand and accept responsibility for the courses proposed. I understand that I must meet the proposed requirements and any additional University and College requirements for earning this degree.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Applicants are required to obtain signatures to show approval for the required minor(s):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor of Minor #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor of Minor #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Final approval - Completed after the application has been submitted:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department of Women's and Gender Studies

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Essay Questions

As you prepare your answers to the following questions, please understand the interpretation of career plan in this context. A career plan can include long-term goals such as being successful in real estate, becoming a leader of people, or a CEO. However, the intent of this exercise is to implement and outline a plan that will lead to successful entry into a particular job market. *Text should be **typed** in 12 point font. Responses to each question must not exceed 100 words. Please be thorough.*

1. Why have you chosen to apply to the Women's and Gender studies department?
2. What academic credentials are required for your chosen career?
3. What kind of tasks will the career path you have chosen require you to do on a daily basis?
4. How will the work environment mesh with your personal values related to work, life, family, and financial goals?
5. What is the starting salary range?
6. What are other career paths that are similar to your desired career path?
7. Are there geographic issues with the career path as you progress beyond the entry level, such as the heart of the industry being east-coast/west-coast? Do you plan to limit your job search to Texas?
8. What are specific tasks you will you complete between now and graduation that will prepare you to compete for interviews? How do typical employers in your desired career path structure the application/interview process?
9. What would an employer in your chosen career path find attractive/competitive about your degree plan?
10. What activities will you incorporate in your remaining undergraduate semesters such as internships, study abroad/travel, or other experiences that compliment this degree?



CORE CURRICULUM					
<b>Communication and Literature (12 hours)</b>			<b>Citizenship (12 hours)</b>		
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>	<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>
ENGL 104			POLS 206		
COMM 203, ENGL 203, 210, 235, 241, or 301			POLS 207		
Literature			HIST 105		
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<b>Mathematics and Logical Reasoning (6 hours)</b>			<b>Social and Behavioral Science (6 hours)</b>		
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>	<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>
MATH 131-467(excluding MATH 150,365,366)			USSC		
MATH or PHIL 240/341/342			USSC		
<b>Natural Sciences (8 hours)</b>			<b>Humanities and Visual &amp; Performing Arts (9 hours)</b>		
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>	<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>
Tier I			UHUM		
Tier I or II			UVPA		
additional lab credit as needed:			UHUM or UVPA		
<b>Kinesiology (2 hours)</b>			<b>International and Cultural Diversity (6 hours)</b>		
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>	<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>
KINE 198			UICD**		
KINE 199 S/U			UICD**		
			**May overlap with other required coursework.		

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS			
<b>Women's and Gender Studies</b>	<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>
Women's and Gender Studies majors must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain a 2.0 GPR</li> <li>Earn a minimum grade of C in major coursework (27hrs)</li> <li>Complete a minor</li> <li>Complete a minimum of 12 hours of 300-400 level coursework</li> </ol>	WGST 200: Introduction to WGST		
	WGST 401: Feminist Theory		
	WGST 481: Senior Seminar		
	WGST Humanity Electives (6 hours)		
	WGST Social Science Electives (6 hours)		
	WGST International and Diversity Electives (6 hours)		
<b>Minor—Required (15-18 hours)</b>	<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>
A comprehensive list is found on page 39 in the University Catalog ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu">catalog.tamu.edu</a> ). <b>For example:</b> Animal Science, Art, Business, Sports Management, Military Studies, Earth Science, Communication, Religious Studies, Chemistry, etc.			
<b>Foreign Language (14 hours)</b>	<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>
Students must take a placement test if they have previously taken any courses in the same language. For placement testing, call 845-0532. <i>All 14 hours must be in the same language.</i>	101 or 121		
	102 or 122		
	201 or 221		
	202 or 222		
<b>General Elective Hours (6-9 hours)</b>			
<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Complete:</b>