PROGRAM IN WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Women's and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary academic field devoted to the study of topics concerning women and men, gender and sexuality, feminist theory and research, social history, public health, and women's and men's participation in the arts and popular culture. The Women's and Gender Studies minor offers an interdisciplinary program that allows students to develop critical thinking skills in relation to the scholarly pursuit of knowledge about women, men, the history of feminism, and the social construction of cultural variables, such as gender, sexual identity, age, and race and ethnicity. The Women's and Gender Studies minor is an asset in the job market for women and men in both the public and private sectors as women increasingly pursue diverse vocations and careers and find it necessary to examine and to validate their positions as the number of women as supervisors, co-workers, and clients continues to grow. As rigid gender roles become more fluid, men also seek to understand the meaning of these changes for their academic work and lives.

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Minors

- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor (https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-minor)

Women's Studies

WGSS 201 Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
3 credits
Gen Ed: Humanities, American Diversity
Survey of and introduction to the study of women's lives and the social construction of gender and sexuality across times and cultures. Thematic examination of the diversity of women's experiences in families, at work, with the law, in health care, in literature, in the media, in language; exploration of differences and similarities, including ethnicity, sexuality, class, and age. Examination of ideals of femininity and masculinity in the US and elsewhere.

WGSS 367 (s) Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
3 credits, max arr
Topical examination of issues in women's, gender and sexuality studies.

WGSS 404 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged.

WGSS 410 Feminist Theory and Action
3 credits
This course examines a range of feminist theory, including both classic and lesser-known texts, while grounding the study of theory in an examination of historical and contemporary feminist activism. The course covers some of the key concepts and debates within feminism and explores the relationship between theory and action. Students learn how to read theory and apply their knowledge to current events, issues, and problems in the United States and globally.

WGSS 498 (s) Internship in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
1-6 credits, max arr
Directed student internship in approved setting relevant to women's, gender, and sexuality studies with campus, local, national, or international organizations or offices. Various credits depending on the length and type of internship.
Prereq: WGSS 201, Permission of the Coordinator of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

WGSS 499 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.

WGSS 502 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.