

# WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR

**Banner Code:** WGST

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This minor is for students who are interested in gender, sexuality, and feminist perspectives. While it is an especially good complement to a major in the humanities, social sciences, health and human services, or natural sciences, it is open to students in any major in the university.

The interdisciplinary minor consists of two required courses and four electives. Students interested in feminist and gender issues choose their elective courses from a broad range of offerings.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see the Undergraduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>) section of this catalog.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

### Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
WMST 200	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
WMST 330	Feminist Theories of Gender, Sexuality, and Race	3
Total Credits		6

### Electives

Students complete the minor with 12 credits of women and gender studies electives. Alternatively they can choose to focus their electives on gender based violence.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Interdisciplinary Historical Perspectives</b>		
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
HIST 350	U.S. Women's History	
INTS 400	Tempress: Sexuality and Power	

INTS 437	Critical Race Studies (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
WMST 307	Women and Work	
WMST 309	Black Social Movements: Gendering of Violence and Activism	
WMST 315	Women During the Enslavement Era	
WMST 317	Women's Activism: From Jim Crow to Black Power	
Other related Special Topics courses with approval		
<b>Additional Electives</b>		
Select one WMST course ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/wmst/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/wmst/</a> )		3
Select 6 credits of additional elective courses from the following:		6
Any undergraduate WMST course ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/wmst/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/wmst/</a> )		
AFAM 200	Introduction to African American Studies (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
CHIN 328	Asian American Women Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HEAL 325	Human Sexuality	
HEAL 327	Women's Health	
PSYC 362	Psychology of Gender	
PSYC 466	Psychology of Intimate Relationships	
INTS 310	Violence, Gender, and Sexuality	
INTS 312	Images and Experiences of Childhood: Social Construct, Literature, and Film	
INTS 317	Issues in Family Relationships (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
INTS 346	Art as Social Action (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
INTS 347	Gender Representation in Popular Culture (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
INTS 400	Tempress: Sexuality and Power	
INTS 405	Women and Leadership	
INTS 436	Social Justice Education (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 309	Contemporary Families and Intimate Relationships	
SOCI 315	Contemporary Gender Relations (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 352	Social Problems and Solutions (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
Total Credits		12

**Optional Focus in Gender Based Violence**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
WMST 320	Violence, Gender, and Sexuality	3
or INTS 310	Violence, Gender, and Sexuality	
Select 9 credits from the following:		9
WMST 400	Internship in Women and Gender Studies	
WMST 408	Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights	
WMST 300	Current Issues in Women and Gender Studies	
WMST 409	Sexuality, Race, and Immigration	
INTS 417	Human Trafficking and Smuggling	
INTS 314	Conflict, Trauma and Healing	
PSYC 382	Psychology of Crime Victims	
PSYC 441	Criminal Behavior: Psychological and Neurological Aspects	
PSYC 466	Psychology of Intimate Relationships	
CONF 335	Justice and Reconciliation	
or CONF 399	Special Topics in Conflict Analysis and Resolution	
CONF 393	Violence: Causes, Dynamics Alternatives	
CRIM 490	Special Topics (when topic is social inequality crime, and justice)	
CRIM 404	Crime Victims and Victimization	
GCH 626	Migrant Health	
GCH 445	Social Determinants of Health	
or SOCW 445	Social Determinants of Health	
SOCI 215	Gender and Society	
SOCI 315	Contemporary Gender Relations (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 388	Violence and Religion (Additional course with the approval of the minor advisor)	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>