

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES, BA

Women's and Gender Studies is a discipline that critically examines gender and women's issues from an interdisciplinary perspective and challenges many traditional assumptions and theories. It examines the practice and expression of gender in different societies and at different historical moments.

Regardless of your gender, Women's and Gender Studies is crucial and relevant for anyone interested in working in criminal justice, social work, the non-profit sector, the arts, politics, business, and more. Students learn to look at the world and history through different perspectives and think about how gender and our perceptions of it impact culture, society, and daily interactions. It is a traditional liberal arts discipline where the knowledge and skills developed in the program can be applied to all types of career paths. Work experiences during college through internships, part-time jobs, and volunteer positions often shape career paths after graduation.

In 1974, the Office of Women's Studies opened its doors at UWM, becoming the first university in Wisconsin to establish a Women's Studies program. Today, undergraduate students at UWM can pursue a Women's and Gender Studies major or minor, and graduate students can choose from among three different Women's and Gender Studies MA options or a certificate to complement a different graduate degree program. Undergraduates benefit from the MA program's strength by working with and learning from graduate students and taking classes with the same exceptional faculty.

Students in Women's and Gender Studies master critical thinking, problem analysis, and communication through both classroom studies and service learning opportunities.

Students who are interested in the major should consult with Women's and Gender Studies to make a formal declaration. For additional information, please contact Women's and Gender Studies, located in CRT 535, by phone at (414) 229-5918, or on the web at <http://uwm.edu/womens-gender-studies/>.

Requirements

Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

University General Education Requirements (GER)

Code	Title	Credits
Oral and Written Communication		
<i>Part A</i>		
Achieve a grade of C or better in the following course:		
ENGLISH 102	College Writing and Research (or equivalent)	
<i>Part B</i>		
Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement		
Quantitative Literacy		
<i>Part A</i>		
Earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course, or achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department)		
MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy for College Students II	
MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics	
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra	
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II	
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning ¹	
or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning	
MATH 116	College Algebra	
Or equivalent course		
<i>Part B</i>		
Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement		
Arts		
Select 3 credits		3
Humanities		
Select 6 credits		6
Social Sciences		
Select 6 credits		6
Natural Sciences		
Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab)		6
UWM Foreign Language Requirement		
Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:		
Two years (high school) of a single foreign language		
Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language		
Or equivalent		
UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement		
One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM's Cultural Diversity requirement		

¹ Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

College of Letters & Science Requirements

I. English Composition Requirement

Students must satisfy the English Composition Requirement with one of the following options:

- 1) Completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher; or
- 2) by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT) (or other assessment as determined by the English Department); or
- 3) transferring a course of at least 2.5 equivalent credits from another institution that is equivalent to English 102, or a UWM higher-level expository writing course, with a grade of C or higher.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part A. The College of Letters & Science does not have a specific requirement for a writing course beyond English 102, but students must complete the university-wide requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part B listed above.

II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning

To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department) or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy for College Students II	3
MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics	3
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra	3
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II	3
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning ¹	3
or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning	
MATH 116	College Algebra	3
MATH 175	Mathematical Explorations for Elementary Teachers I	3

¹ Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part A, listed above.

2. Complete one course (at least 3 credits) at the 200 level or above chosen from courses in Mathematics, PHILOS 211, or Letters and Science statistics courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one of the following:		
3 or more credits in any 200-level or above Math course		
AFRIC 220	Introduction to Statistics in African and African Diaspora Studies	
ANTHRO 568	Introduction to Anthropological Statistics	

ATM SCI 500	Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences
BIO SCI 465	Biostatistics
ECON 210	Economic Statistics
GEOG 247	Quantitative Analysis in Geography
HIST 595	The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data
MTHSTAT 215	Elementary Statistical Analysis
PHILOS 211	Elementary Logic
POL SCI 390	Political Data Analysis
POL SCI 392	Survey Research
PSYCH 210	Psychological Statistics
SOCIOL 261	Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology

Note: This requirement is NOT the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BA, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. **Not all of the courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.**

III. Foreign Language Requirement

Placement testing may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Foreign Language GER, but not vice versa.

Code	Title	Credits
Completed in one of the following ways:		0-18
Successful completion of the 4th semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language)		
Successful completion of the 3rd semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language) PLUS the 2nd semester of college work or equivalent in another language other than English (including American Sign Language)		

IV. International Requirement

See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement/>) for course options.

Code	Title	Credits
Completed in one of the following ways:		9
Complete 3 courses (min. 9 cr) in a single foreign language (not including literature-in-translation or American Sign Language) at the 3rd semester level and above		
Complete 3 non-language courses (min. 9 credits) with an international content chosen from at least 2 curricular areas.		
Complete 9 credits in combination of the two options above.		

V. Breadth Requirement

Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural

Diversity (CD/+) designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Arts		
Select 3 credits		3
Humanities		
Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Humanities Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area. *		12
Social Sciences		
Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. *		12
Natural Sciences		
Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Natural Sciences Breadth designation, including at least one laboratory or field course; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. *		12
Cultural Diversity		
Complete 3 credits in a course with Cultural Diversity (CD) designation.**		3

* Students should check their course selections carefully with the list of approved L&S Breadth Courses (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list/>). Students are advised to select at least 6 credits worth of courses in each of the Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences areas that can satisfy both the campus-wide General Education Requirements and the L&S Breadth requirement.

** Students are advised to select a course that satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as a Humanities or Social Science breadth/GER requirement.

VI. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement/>).

VII. The Minor

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

Women's and Gender Studies Major Requirements

The Women's and Gender Studies major requires 36 credits drawn from Women's and Gender Studies core and cross-listed classes. At least 15 credits in the major must be taken in upper-division (numbered 300 or

above) courses in residence at UWM. Completion of WGS 411 and either WGS 500 or WGS 501 satisfies the L&S research requirement. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 in UWM major courses attempted. In addition, the College requires that students attain a 2.0 GPA in all major courses attempted, including any transfer work. Majors should consult regularly with their advisor in Women's and Gender Studies about their course of study.

The major requires completion of the following courses offered through Women's and Gender Studies:

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Select one of these two: ¹		3
WGS 200	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Social Science Perspective	
WGS 201	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Humanities Perspective	
WGS 211	Foundations of Women's and Gender Studies Writing and Research	3
WGS 401	Global Feminisms	3
WGS 410	Feminist Theory	3
WGS 411	Women's and Gender Studies Research Methods:	3
Select one of the following:		3
WGS 489	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies	
WGS 699	Independent Reading (taken in the senior year)	
Any upper-level (numbered 300 and above) WGS or Women's and Gender Studies-related course approved by the Women's and Gender Studies Chair or Assistant Chair (Undergraduate Advisor)		
Select one of the following:		3
WGS 500	Advanced Social Science Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:	
WGS 501	Advanced Humanities Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:	
PHILOS/WGS 535	Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory:	
Electives		
Select 15 credits (see below)		15
Total Credits		36

¹ Students may not receive credit for both WGS 200 and 201. Only one of these courses can be taken for credit.

Electives

Students must take an additional 15 credits of elective courses to reach a total of 36 credits. Approved electives include WGS courses and courses offered by other programs and departments; see the list below.

Numerous courses in a wide variety of disciplines have been approved as electives for the WGS major. For information about whether a special topics course in another program might be approved as an elective for WGS, please contact Women's and Gender Studies.

Code	Title	Credits
WGS 150	Multicultural America	3
WGS 192	First-Year Seminar:	3
WGS 193	First-Year Seminar:	3
WGS 199	Independent Study	1-3
WGS 290	Selected Topics in Women's and Gender Studies:	3
WGS 297	Study Abroad:	1-12
WGS 299	Ad Hoc:	1-6
WGS 300	Gender and Spirituality:	3
WGS 301	Queer Theory	3
WGS 302	Gendered Bodies:	3
WGS 303	Feminist Activism and Movements:	3
WGS 380	Honors Seminar in the Social Sciences:	3
WGS 381	Honors Seminar in the Humanities:	3
WGS 402	Capstone Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:	3
WGS 497	Study Abroad:	1-12
WGS 499	Ad Hoc:	1-6
WGS 535	Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory:	3
WGS 599	Topics in Women's and Gender Studies:	1-3
AFRIC 250	Black Women and White Women in the Contemporary United States	3
AFRIC 344	Global Black Social Movements	3
AFRIC 350	The Black Family	3
AFRIC 351	Sexuality, Gender, and Health in Africa and the Diaspora	3
AFRIC 352	Extended Families in Black Societies	3
AFRIC 414	The Black Woman in America, Africa, and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 417	Race, Class and Gender in Southern Africa	3
AFRIC 418	Race, Class, and Gender in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
ANTHRO 250	Women's Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
BIO SCI 206	Biology of Women	3
BUS ADM 441	Diversity in Organizations	3
COMMUN 401	Communication in Marital and Family Relationships	3
COMMUN 402	Gender and Communication	3
COMMUN 474	Rhetoric of Women's Rights in the US	3
CRM JST 385	Women and Criminal Justice	3
CRM JST 416	Domestic Violence Research	3
ECON 248	Economics of Discrimination	3
ED POL 624	Gender and Education	3
ENGLISH 243	Introduction to Literature by Women:	3
ENGLISH 295	Women in Film, Television, and Digital Media	3
ENGLISH 465	Women Writers:	3
ENGLISH 628	Seminar in Literature by Women:	3
ENGLISH 629	Seminar in Literature and Sexuality:	3
ETHNIC 255	Migration and Gender: Starbucks, Sex Trafficking, and Nannies	3
ETHNIC 275	Queer Migrations	3
ETHNIC 325	Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in Milwaukee:	3
FILMSTD 669	Screening Sexuality:	3
GEOG 410	Gendered Geographies	3
HIST 141	Global History of the Family, Gender, and Sexuality	3
HIST 241	Women and Gender in Europe: 1350 to 1750	3
HIST 242	Women and Gender in Europe: 1750 to the Present	3
HIST 243	History of Women in American Society	3
HIST 355	Modern and Contemporary France	3
HIST 373	Topics in Gender and History:	3
HIST 468	The American Feminist Movement	3
JAMS 111	Gender and the Media	3
JEWISH 332	Women in the Bible	3
LGBT 200	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	3
LGBT 275	Queer Migrations	3
LGBT 290	Topics in LGBT Studies:	3
LGBT 599	Selected Topics in LGBT Studies:	3
LINGUIS 212	Language and Gender	3
MUSIC 449	Women in Music:	3
NURS 204	Global Maternal and Child Health: From Evidence to Action	3
NURS 327	Nursing Science III: Health Concepts- Women & Children	4
NURS 620	Global Food Security and Systems	3
PHILOS 235	Philosophical Aspects of Feminism	3
PHILOS 535	Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory:	3
POL SCI 110	Sex and Power	3
POL SCI 368	Gender and Politics in Developing Nations	3
POL SCI 425	Women in Politics	3
POL SCI 464	Sex, Gender, and the Law	3
PSYCH 319	Gay and Lesbian Psychology	3
PSYCH 320	Psychology of Women	3
SOCIOL 250	Sex and Gender	3
SOCIOL 255	Sociology of Sexuality	3
SOCIOL 260	Blood, Sex, Money, Power: Families and Intimate Relationships	3
SOCIOL 442	The Work-Family Intersection	3
SOCIOL 444	Sociology of the Body	3
SOC WRK 630	Families and Poverty	2-3

Letters & Science Advising

The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus' general education requirements and the College's degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional

students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (<https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising/>) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Navigate website (<https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com>) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the "Declaration of Major" information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.

Honors in the Major

Women's and Gender Studies majors who have maintained at least a 3.000 GPA overall, 3.500 GPA in all courses attempted for the major, and a 3.500 GPA in advanced-level (numbered 300 and above) courses that count toward the major are eligible to graduate with honors in the major. Students who believe they may qualify to graduate with honors in the major should apply to the Assistant Chair of Women's and Gender Studies.

Honors in the College of Letters and Science

Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/honors-college/>) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.

Contact Information

Current Students contact the department directly, wgs@uwm.edu
Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor at
(414) 229-7711 or let-sci@uwm.edu

<http://uwm.edu/womens-gender-studies/undergraduate/>