

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> | | |
| 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> | | |
| Select one of the following: | | |
| 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 | |
| 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 Writing Requirement

Students must satisfy the English Writing Requirement by completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher or by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT).

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 Math Placement score of at least 30 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 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. 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: | | |
| | Successful completion of the 4th semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language) | 0-18 |
| | 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: | | |
| | 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 | 9 |
| | 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 the following: 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 |

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| 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 ¹ | | 15 |
| Total Credits | | 36 |

¹ An additional 15 credits, to reach a total of 36 credits, selected from WGS courses and/or cross-listed courses offered by other departments are required. Numerous courses in a wide variety of disciplines have been approved for cross-listing with Women's and Gender Studies. Disciplines include, but are not limited to, Africology; anthropology; art history; biological sciences; communication; comparative literature; economics; English; ethnic studies; film studies; Hebrew studies; history; Italian; journalism, advertising, and media studies; linguistics; philosophy; political science; psychology; sociology; Spanish; urban planning; nursing; business administration; art; music; criminal justice; social work; and education. For information about courses that currently are cross-listed, please contact the Department of Women's and Gender Studies.

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 Student Success Collaborative 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 Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/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. In schools and colleges in which fewer than 15% of the traditional students have a 3.500 GPA, all-university honors will be awarded to approximately the top 15% of graduating students. A criterion GPA (not lower than 3.200) for this 15% will be calculated based on statistics from the previous comparable semester. 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, wmns@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/>