### Women's and Gender Studies, MA/Social Work, MSW

The College of Letters and Science and the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare collaboratively offer a program designed to provide students with theoretical and practical exposure to evolving professional practice and the field of feminist research and scholarship. Prerequisite to the award of either degree in this program is the simultaneous award of its counterpart degree.

### Requirements

#### Admission

**Admission Deadlines**

**Application Deadlines**

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart ([http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/](http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/)) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars ([https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/](https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/)).

The Women’s and Gender Studies MA Program accepts fall admissions only. Applications received by January 15 will be given full consideration.

**Admission**


### Credit and Courses

The MA in Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS) normally has a minimum requirement of 30 credits from Women’s and Gender Studies courses. For the coordinated WGS MA/MSW degree program, however, students can substitute 6 credits in Social Work courses for 6 credits of WGS courses. Similarly, the Social Work master’s program will accept 6 credits of WGS course work to satisfy the 6 required elective credits for the MSW degree. Because the MSW degree has a distinction in the number of credits required depending on bachelor’s degree type, the total number of credits required to complete the Coordinated WGS/MSW program will range from 52 credits (24 from WGS and 28 from MSW when holding a bachelor’s in social work) to 74 credits (24 from WGS and 50 from MSW when a bachelor’s degree is from another discipline).

#### Women’s and Gender Studies

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<td>WGS 700</td>
<td>Feminist Issues and Scholarship</td>
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<td>Transnational Feminisms</td>
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<td>WGS 710</td>
<td>Advanced Feminist Theory</td>
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<td>WGS 711</td>
<td>Feminist Epistemologies and Research Practices</td>
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Select one G or U/G WGS course

#### Electives

Select 9 elective credits in WGS or WGS cross-listed courses (not SOC WRK), in consultation with the WGS Director of Graduate Studies. Of these electives, 3 credits may be thesis credits (WGS 990).

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Total Credits: 24

1. Excluding WGS 497, WGS 599, WGS 700, WGS 990, and WGS 999.

Total WGS credits: 24 (maximum of 6 U/G cr; and maximum 3 cr of WGS 999)

#### Master of Social Work

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<td>Social Systems and Social Work Practice (U/G)</td>
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<td>Methods of Social Welfare Research (U/G)</td>
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<td>Cultural Diversity and Social Work (U/G)</td>
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<td>Individual Behavior and Social Welfare (G)</td>
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<td>Social Work Methods I: Individuals and Families (G)</td>
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<td>Social Work Methods II: Groups, Organizations and Communities (G)</td>
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<td>SOC WRK 721</td>
<td>Field Instruction I (G)</td>
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<td>SOC WRK 750</td>
<td>Social Welfare Policy Development and Implementation (G)</td>
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#### Social Work Advanced Practice Curriculum

**Practice**

- SOC WRK 711 or SOC WRK 713: Direct Social Work Practice I (G) 3
- SOC WRK 811 or SOC WRK 915: Direct Social Work Practice II: (Subtitled) (G) 3
- Community Organization, Planning and Human Service Administration I 3
- Human Services Administration II 3

**Field**

- SOC WRK 722: Field Instruction II (G) 3
- SOC WRK 821: Field Instruction III (G) 4
- SOC WRK 822: Field Instruction IV (G) 4

**Human Behavior Content**

Select one of the following:

- SOC WRK 685: Social Gerontology (U/G) 3
- SOC WRK 753: Adult Psychopathology (G) 3
- SOC WRK 771: Development of the Family Over the Life Span (G) 3

**Research**

- SOC WRK 793: Evaluation of Practice (G) 2
- SOC WRK 794: Evaluation of Programs (G) 2

**Social Policy**

- SOC WRK 851: Social Issue and Policy Analysis: (Subtitled) (G) 2-3

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**Select one additional Social Work practice course** 2

**Select one of the following:**

- SOC WRK 685: Social Gerontology (U/G) 3
- SOC WRK 753: Adult Psychopathology (G) 3
- SOC WRK 771: Development of the Family Over the Life Span (G) 3

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[1](#) Excluding WGS 497, WGS 599, WGS 700, WGS 990, and WGS 999.
Select 6 credits from Women's and Gender Studies courses in consultation with faculty advisor

| Total Credits | 50-51 |

Minimum Total Credits for Coordinated Program: 52 (for those admitted to the MSW Social Work Advanced Curriculum).

For students without a social work baccalaureate or otherwise needing the Foundation Coursework, the total credits will sum to 74.

Additional Requirements

Time Limit
Students in the coordinated MA/MSW degree program must complete all degree requirements within seven years of the first enrollment semester as a degree student.