

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Greenquist 216 • 262-595-2609 • Keyword: *Womens Studies*

Degree Offered:

UW-Parkside offers a concentration in women's and gender studies through the interdisciplinary studies major (ISTD). This major draws upon existing UW-Parkside courses, and students may also receive credit for appropriate transfer courses, distance education courses, and credit for experiential learning.

UW-Parkside also offers a minor in women's studies through the Center for Women's and Gender Studies. Interested students should consult the director of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program for the major and the director of the Center for Women's and Gender Studies for the minor.

Director

Sandra Moats, Ph.D.

Steering Committee:

Erika Behling, Linda Crafton, Kathleen Gillogly, Gail Gonzalez, Anne Gurnack, Vera Kolb-Gregory, Lisa Kornetsky, Mary Lenard, Maria Martinez, Heather Miles, Dana Oswald, Kara Recker, Christine Tutlewski,

Many faculty teach women's and gender studies courses through their departments; serve on the Women's and Gender Studies Steering Committee; or work on collaborative projects and initiatives such as the Teresa Peck Award, Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Affiliated Organizations:

The Women's Center, Wyllie Concourse, 262-595-2170; The Status of Women Committee, 262-595-2592; LGBTQ Resource Center, 262-595-2456

Career Possibilities

Nonprofit organizations, business, creative arts, education, government, health, journalism, law, medicine and social work, especially pertaining to issues of gender and sexuality. Graduate school with emphasis in the humanities, social sciences or the professions. Many careers are strengthened and enhanced by a minor in women's and gender studies. Students are encouraged to discuss career options early with the program director and to consider internships and other activities which allow them to explore career possibilities.

Program Overview

The Center for Women's and Gender Studies provides an interdisciplinary program that draws upon all departments in the university to provide a systematic analysis of gender roles, sexual identity, and women's experiences in society. Its goal

is to provide insights and generate activities that will lead to a better understanding of gender roles and sexual identity, improve the position of women, and transform society in the process. In such courses, women's positions are often analyzed relative to those of men, and these courses are relevant for both women and men who are seeking a fuller understanding of the past, present and future social trends.

Preparation for Graduate School

Students who graduate with this minor can go on to professional and graduate programs in law, sociology, humanities, medicine and health, theology and other fields. Consult the director for further information to develop a plan of study.

Internships

Internships and applied experiences in other courses or independent study projects are encouraged. These experiences assist students in evaluating developing skills for possible job settings.

Requirements for the Women's Studies Minor (18 credits)

Eighteen credits are required for the minor. Students must take three core courses:

Core courses (9 credits, one from each of the following):

- 1) WOMS 110 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies 3 cr
- 2) WOMS 112 Women in Literature 3 cr
OR
WOMS 213 Gender in Society..... 3 cr
OR
WOMS 236 Women in Modern Society 3 cr
- 3) WOMS 494 Internship in Women's and Gender Studies 1-6 cr
OR
WOMS 495 Women's and Gender Studies Seminar..... 3 cr
OR
WOMS 497 Women's and Gender Studies Senior Thesis 3 cr
OR
WOMS 499 Independent Study..... 1-3 cr

The minor also requires three elective courses, deriving from at least two of the following three areas: Humanities & Art, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. Each semester, courses from other departments that are available for women's and gender studies credit will be listed in the course schedule.

A. Humanities and Art

Approved women's and gender studies courses from English, art, communication, theatre arts, humanities, music, and philosophy. Examples include:

- COMM 315 Communication and Gender 3 cr
- COMM 463 Gender, Race & Class in the Media 3 cr
- THEA 215 Gender and Sexuality on the Stage and Screen 3 cr
- ENGL 269 Introduction to Women Writers 3 cr
- ENGL 367 Studies in American Ethnic Literature: (depending on topic) 3 cr
- ENGL 417 Studies in British Literature: British Women Novelists..... 3 cr
- ENGL 464 Studies in Cultural Patterns: Gay and Lesbian Literature..... 3 cr
- ENGL 469 Studies in Women Writers 3 cr
- PHIL 290 Special Topics in Philosophy: Feminism in Philosophy 3 cr
- WOMS 112 Women in Literature 3 cr

B. Social Sciences

Approved women's and gender studies courses from sociology, history, international studies, political science, psychology, economics, and business. Examples include:

- CRMJ 366 Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice 3 cr
- HIST 236 Women in Modern Society 3 cr
- MGT 446 Global Issues in Management..... 3 cr
- POLS 203 Women, Power, and Politics..... 3 cr
- POLS 301 Sexuality and Politics..... 3 cr
- PSYC 230 Psychology of Human Sexuality..... 3 cr
- PSYC 280/380 Psychology of Gender 3 cr
- SOCA 213 Gender and Society 3 cr
- SOCA 290 Special Topics: LGBTQ Studies..... 3 cr
- SOCA 374 Women and Work 3 cr

C. Natural Sciences

Approved women's and gender studies courses from biology, chemistry, physics, environmental studies, and health exercise science and sport management. Examples include:

- BIOS 103 Human Biology..... 3 cr
- HESM 321 Women's Health Issues 1-4 cr
- HESM 330 Sport in Society..... 3 cr
- SOCA 379 Society and Environment..... 3 cr
- WOMS 250 Women in Science 3 cr

Each semester, courses appropriate for the women's and gender studies minor are listed in the course schedule. Since courses are offered on a rotating basis, students are advised to consult with women's and gender studies faculty and directors to assist them with course selection and proper completion of requirements.

Students may count 3 credits of WOMS 494 Internship or WOMS 499 Independent Study 499 toward the minor. Arrangements for these projects must be made with individual women's and gender studies faculty.

Courses in Women's Studies (WOMS)

110 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies 3 cr

Prereq: None. Freq: Fall.
This course introduces students to the field of women's studies, its theoretical and methodological bases, and the challenges it creates for other academic disciplines. It emphasizes the diversity among women including diversity in race and ethnicity, sexual preferences, physical abilities, etc.

112 Women in Literature 3 cr

Prereq: None. Freq: Alternate Springs.
This course surveys women writers from classical times to the modern era, in their cultural contexts, and identifies the way in which their writing illuminates women's experience. Works by women from various cultures and backgrounds are considered. Cross-listed with ENGL 112.

203 Women, Power and Politics 3 cr

Prereq: None. Freq: Occasionally.
Examination of the environmental, systematic and political variables that define the existing and potential political position of women in a variety of international cultures. Cross-listed with POLS 203.

213 Gender and Society..... 3 cr

Prereq: None. Freq. Fall, Spring.
Overview of theory and research on gender roles and gender stratification, focusing on political, economic, family and other settings; historical, cross cultural and sub-cultural comparisons. Cross-listed with SOCA 213.

215 Gender and Sexuality on the Stage and Screen 3 cr

(General Education Course, arts and Humanities) Prereq: none. Freq: Spring.
This course will look at the portrayal and representation (or lack of representation) of gender and/or the LGBTQ voice and identity in plays and film during the last century. The course will explore a number of facets of gender and sexual identity and portrayal through theory and criticism as well as through the plays and films themselves. Field trips to theatrical productions required. Additional fees required. Cross-listed with THEA 215.

236 Women in Modern Society..... 3 cr

Prereq: ENGL 101. Freq: Occasionally.
Surveys the social and demographic patterns of pre-industrial society; focuses on the role of women in modern, industrial society. Topics include working-class women, middle class and modernization reform movements, feminism, suffrage, socialism, women in the era of the world wars, the 1950s and the contemporary women's movement. Cross-listed with HIST 236.

250 Women in Science 3 cr

Prereq: None. Freq: Occasionally.
Study of the role of women in science; analysis of the gendered social structure of science and how it is changing; and imagining the future. Course can be taken independently. Consult with WOMS program director if interested.

290 Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies 3 cr

Prereq: None. Freq: Occasionally.
Selected topics in women's and gender studies will be examined.

366 Women, Crime and Criminal Justice..... 3 cr

Prereq: CRMJ 101 or consent of instructor. Freq: Occasionally.
Examines the study of female crime and delinquency. In addition to women as offenders, this course focuses on women as victims and workers in the criminal justice system. Cross-listed with CRMJ 366.

390 Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies1-4 cr*Prereq: None. Freq: Occasionally.*

Selected topics in women's and gender studies will be studied.

490 Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies 3 cr*Prereq: None. Freq: Occasionally.*

Selected topics in women's and gender studies will be examined.

494 Internship in Women's and Gender Studies.....1-6 cr*Prereq: Consent of instructor. Freq: Fall, Spring, Summer.*

Work experience in a program related environment or supervised experience in planned projects that expose students to applied settings that serve women. Emphasis on applying feminist analysis, qualitative research methods, communication and other skills, while increasing career knowledge and awareness.

495 Women's and Gender Studies Seminar..... 3 cr*Prereq: WOMS 110 and two other WOMS credited courses.**Freq: Alternate years.*

Focuses on developments in feminist theory and methodology, with the goal of integrating theory and methods acquired in earlier women's and gender studies courses and encouraging students to apply the material to the community around them. The seminar allows students to work in their own interests within a broad theme selected by the instructor.

497 Women's and Gender Studies Senior Thesis 3 cr*Prereq: WOMS 110 and two other WOMS credited courses; and consent of instructor. Freq: Fall, Spring.*

Independent research and writing of an essay of substantial length under faculty supervision. Agreement of faculty member to undertake supervision is necessary before registration.

499 Independent Study.....1-3 cr*Prereq: Consent instructor and program director. Freq: Fall, Spring.*

Individual research projects in women's and gender studies. Up to 3 credits may be applied to the major or minor.