

# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES, BA

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Women's and Gender Studies integrates theory and practice with the aim of transforming social relations, representations, knowledges, institutions, and policies. Through interdisciplinary and comparative approaches, students engage in the study of gender intersectionally and transnationally as a means of understanding the complex ways that ideas and practices about gender, past and present, shape the world around us. Issues of justice, social and economic transformation, and women's agency are central and at each level of study the curriculum emphasizes race, ethnicity, nationality, class, age, sexuality, and different abilities as categories of analysis.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Apply interdisciplinary multiracial, intersectional, and transnational feminist theories and methods to investigate how gender relations and practices are embedded in and shaped by diverse social, political, material, and cultural realities
2. Recognize, interpret, and analyze issues of power, oppression, and injustice and social, economic, and epistemic violence
3. Identify histories and contemporary forms of feminist agency and resistance, social movements, and collective action
4. Integrate feminist theory and practice to challenge social relations, representations, knowledge, institutions, and policies
5. Engage and employ multiple modes of knowledge including conventional texts as well as creative work, activism, and popular culture
6. Model feminist competencies for collaborative learning and teamwork

## Major Requirements

The B.A. in women's and gender studies requires a minimum of 33 credits (at least 18 in courses numbered 300 and above) selected from courses listed below. Although the major is granted and administered under the auspices of the College of Arts and Sciences, students are able, and in some cases encouraged, to take elective courses in the professional schools. Requirements for the major include five core courses, three courses from the course grouping Power, Privilege, and Exclusion in Feminist Thought; and three electives, two core electives and one general elective selected from a list of approved cross-listed courses. In the senior year, majors may create a synthesis of their studies in the field and deepen their skills in women's and gender studies research, culminating in an independent project that can be a research project, creative work,

or activism project. Note: Students seeking Academic Distinction in Women's and Gender Studies must register for WGS 498 Senior Project in Women's & Gender Studies.

## Study Abroad

Women's and Gender Studies Focus Abroad is coordinated through the Syracuse University Abroad office in more than five countries. All of these international centers offer a number of interdisciplinary courses in women's and gender studies, cross-listed with the humanities and social sciences. Summer Studies Abroad courses are also available. For specific information on course offerings abroad, contact the SU Abroad office at 315-443-3471.

## B.A. Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		
WGS 101	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
WGS 201	Global Feminisms	3
WGS 301	Feminist Theories	3
WGS 310	Feminist Inquiries	3
WGS 410	Advanced Studies in Feminist Thought	3
<b>Required Core Cluster Power, Privilege, and Exclusion in Feminist Thought</b>		
Select one course must be selected from each of the following three areas:		9
<i>Sexuality</i>		
WGS 192	Gender and Literary Texts	
WGS 230	Intergroup Dialogue (depending on topic)	
WGS 305	Sociology of Sex and Gender	
WGS 309	Race, Gender and Sexuality in the African Diaspora	
WGS 311	Decolonial Feminism	
WGS 319	Gender and Politics	
WGS 355	Sociology-of Health and Illness	
WGS 360	Topics in Reading Gender and Sexualities	
WGS 362	Youth, Schooling and Popular Culture	
WGS 365	Negotiating Difference:Coming of Age Narratives	
WGS 389	LGBT History	
WGS 395	Gender and Popular Culture	
WGS 425	Feminist Organizations	
WGS 433	Race, Class, and Gender	
WGS 435	Sexual Politics	
WGS 438	Trans Genders and Sexualities	
WGS 439	Women, Gender and Violence in a Transnational Context	
WGS 441	Topics in Feminist Philosophy	
WGS 443	Intersectional Feminist Disability Studies	
WGS 445	The Caribbean: Sex Workers, Transnational Capital, and Tourism	
WGS 449	Women in Art	
WGS 452	Feminism and Postcolonial Studies	
WGS 453	Feminisms, Sexualities, and Human Rights in Middle Eastern Societies	
WGS 456	LGBT Studies in Sociology	
WGS 465	Beyond the Veil: Gender Politics in Islam	

WGS 473	Women, Rap and Hip-Hop Feminism
WGS 494	Music and Gender
WGS 576	Gender, Place, and Space
WGS 414	Communication & Gender
<i>Class</i>	
WGS 248	Racial and Ethnic Inequalities
WGS 258	Poverty and Discrimination in America
WGS 281	Sociology of Families
WGS 311	Decolonial Feminism
WGS 325	Economics and Gender
WGS 326	Persons in Social Context
WGS 343	Latina Feminist Theories
WGS 354	Gender, Militarism, and War
WGS 355	Sociology-of Health and Illness
WGS 358	Economics of US Poverty and Discrimination
WGS 363	Anthropology of Family Life
WGS 364	Aging and Society
WGS 422	Work and Family in the 21st Century
WGS 425	Feminist Organizations
WGS 427	New York City: Black Women Domestic Workers
WGS 432	Gender and Disability
WGS 433	Race, Class, and Gender
WGS 436	Feminist Rhetoric(s)
WGS 439	Women, Gender and Violence in a Transnational Context
WGS 443	Intersectional Feminist Disability Studies
WGS 445	The Caribbean: Sex Workers, Transnational Capital, and Tourism
WGS 473	Women, Rap and Hip-Hop Feminism
WGS 492	Work and Inequality
WGS 555	Food, Culture and Environment
WGS 576	Gender, Place, and Space
<i>Race, Nationality, and/or Ethnicity</i>	
WGS 230	Intergroup Dialogue (depending on topic)
WGS 248	Racial and Ethnic Inequalities
WGS 297	Philosophy of Feminism
WGS 303	Black Women Writers
WGS 307	African Women Writers
WGS 309	Race, Gender and Sexuality in the African Diaspora
WGS 311	Decolonial Feminism
WGS 324	Modern South Asian Cultures
WGS 327	Africa Through the Novel
WGS 328	Human Diversity in Social Contexts
WGS 341	Women, Abolition, and Religion in 19th Century America
WGS 343	Latina Feminist Theories
WGS 354	Gender, Militarism, and War
WGS 355	Sociology-of Health and Illness
WGS 365	Negotiating Difference:Coming of Age Narratives
WGS 367	Gender in a Globalizing World
WGS 379	Gender, Race, and Colonialism
WGS 384	Goddesses, Women and Power in Hinduism
WGS 395	Gender and Popular Culture

WGS 403	African and Caribbean Women Writers
WGS 407	Indigenous Feminist Thought and Theory
WGS 423	Indigenous Feminist Futures
WGS 425	Feminist Organizations
WGS 427	New York City: Black Women Domestic Workers
WGS 433	Race, Class, and Gender
WGS 436	Feminist Rhetoric(s)
WGS 439	Women, Gender and Violence in a Transnational Context
WGS 444	Schooling & Diversity *
WGS 445	The Caribbean: Sex Workers, Transnational Capital, and Tourism
WGS 452	Feminism and Postcolonial Studies
WGS 453	Feminisms, Sexualities, and Human Rights in Middle Eastern Societies
WGS 455	Culture and AIDS
WGS 465	Beyond the Veil: Gender Politics in Islam
WGS 475	Women, Myth and Nation in Latin American Literature
WGS 512	African American Women's History
WGS 513	Toni Morrison: Black Book Seminar
WGS 553	Women and Social Change

**Core Electives**

Select two core elective courses from the following: 6

WGS 240	Topics in Contemporary Feminisms
WGS 300	Selected Topics (if taught by core WGS faculty)
WGS 311	Decolonial Feminism
WGS 343	Latina Feminist Theories
WGS 354	Gender, Militarism, and War
WGS 365	Negotiating Difference:Coming of Age Narratives
WGS 395	Gender and Popular Culture
WGS 400	Selected Topics (if taught by core WGS faculty)
WGS 407	Indigenous Feminist Thought and Theory
WGS 410	Advanced Studies in Feminist Thought
WGS 423	Indigenous Feminist Futures
WGS 425	Feminist Organizations
WGS 436	Feminist Rhetoric(s)
WGS 438	Trans Genders and Sexualities
WGS 439	Women, Gender and Violence in a Transnational Context
WGS 443	Intersectional Feminist Disability Studies
WGS 452	Feminism and Postcolonial Studies
WGS 453	Feminisms, Sexualities, and Human Rights in Middle Eastern Societies
WGS 473	Women, Rap and Hip-Hop Feminism
WGS 498	Senior Project in Women's & Gender Studies
WGS 500	Selected Topics (if taught by core WGS faculty)

**General Electives**

Select one elective course from any WGS course 3

Note: \*Course content varies each semester or by section. These courses may be counted toward women's and gender studies only when the content of the courses is within the field of feminist studies. Selected topics (400/500) courses may apply when appropriate.

**Total Credits** **33**

### **College of Arts and Sciences Requirements**

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

### **Dual Enrollments:**

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse\*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

\*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

### **Undergraduate University Requirements**

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)