

Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Major

WGSS / University of Houston

The Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Major, draws upon the dynamic energy of the global city of Houston, Texas, and the great diversity of the University of Houston campus. The major promotes an intersectional, multidisciplinary and transnational approach that critically assesses existing hierarchies, inequalities, and forms of privilege. The major also challenges students to understand how categories of gender, sexuality, race, class, dis/ability, and citizenship shape not only their own lives but also the lives of people in their communities and around the world. The program's strength comes from the diversity of the perspectives it draws from, including faculty affiliates from 14 different disciplines as well as a deep engagement with communities and organizations in Houston.

The 30 hour major consists of the following:

- I. 3 hours in Intro to Women's Studies (WGSS 2350) or Intro to GLBT Studies (WGSS 2360)
- II. 3 hours in Gender, Society & Feminist Theory (WGSS 3350) or Theory, Sexuality & Queer Theory (WGSS 3360)
- III. 3 hours in Issues in Feminist Research (WGSS 4350)
- IV. 3 hours in Capstone Internship Course (WGSS 4360)*
- V. 3 hours in Gender in Transnational Perspective (WGSS 3321) or Intersectionalities (WGSS 3322)
- VI. 15 hours in cross-listed advance course electives (3300 or above) from approved course list**

* Student must meet with advisor for Capstone approval

**Courses must be equally distributed between Social Science Courses and Humanities (6 hours Humanities and 9 hours Social Sciences or vice versa).

At least 21 of the 30 hours must be taken in residence. A maximum of 9 hours of approved transfer substitutes will be accepted toward the major. A minimum of C (2.00) is required for a course to count toward the major, and a minimum 2.00 grade point average is required for the major.

The interdisciplinary nature of this Major requires that students not confine to any one department or college. WGSS is housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and located in Agnes Arnold Hall (624 AH).

Individuals interested in a Major in WGSS can come to the WGSS Office in Agnes Arnold 624, or contact the WGSS Advisors at 713-743-3214 or by email at wgss@uh.edu.

Current and Future WGSS Catalogue Courses at the University of Houston

The following is a partial list of current catalogue courses that can be counted toward the WGSS major electives. Please consult the WGSS website: www.friendsofwomen.org for the current of approved courses **updated each semester**.

Humanities:

ARTH 4393: Women Artists
COMM 3372: Gender and Media
CLAS 3374: Women in the Ancient World
ENGL 3318: British Novel since 1832
ENGL 4341: Queer Theory
HIST 3351: Work & Family Life-Modern Europe
HIST 3395: State & Society in the Middle East
HIST 4365: Witchcraft in the Old and New World
PHIL 3356: Feminist Philosophy
SPAN 3350: Women in Hispanic Literature
WGSS 3360: Sexuality and Queer Theory
WGSS 4350: Issues in Feminist Research

Social Science

ANTH 3347: Anthropology of Women
HLT 4302: Health Aspects of Human Sexuality
HLT 4306: Women's Health Issues
POLS 3390: Women in Politics
POLS 3368: Race, Gender and Ethnic Politics
PSYC 3331: Psychology of Gender
SOC 3321: African-American Family
SOC 3371: Sociology of the Family
SOC 3372: Mexican American Family
SOC 3390: Sociology of Gender