MINOR IN WOMEN’S STUDIES

The minor in Women’s Studies requires 18 semester credit hours. The minor offers an interdisciplinary program that concentrates on the images and realities of women. Drawing on recent scholarship on women and gender, the Women’s Studies minor provides a flexible, coherent program that enables students to consider the significance of gender.

On a personal level, courses in this program enhance the human potential of both men and women, because knowledge about how societies construct gender relations can encourage students to examine their own attitudes and behavior. On an academic level, a minor in Women’s Studies provides study of the ongoing scholarship about women and gender and offers students the opportunity for exciting intellectual growth. On a professional level, the minor provides a valuable specialty to prepare students for opportunities in a variety of fields, including business, counseling, education, government, health and medicine, human resources, law, politics, psychology, social work, and graduate studies. The Women’s Studies minor helps students recognize their opportunities in a rapidly changing society and flexibly complements any major.

The two required core courses examine the images of women that are prevalent in Western culture (with examples being drawn from films, literature, visual arts, and popular music) as well as those topics and issues related to the realities of women’s lives. Topics courses, offered on a selective basis, may also count toward the minor with permission from the Women’s Studies Program Director.

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Electives

Choose 12 hours from the following: 12

ANTH 3324  Mexican American Culture
ANTH 3350  Gender and Sexuality in Cross-cultural Perspective
ANTH 4309  Culture, Medicine and the Body
CJ 4326  Women and Criminal Justice
COMM 3328  Communication and Gender
DVST 3301  Introduction to Diversity Studies
DVST 3320  Introduction to Global Diversity Issues
ENG 3388  Women and Literature
ENG 3392  Women Writers of the Middle Ages
FM 2335  Gender, Appearance, and Society
HIST 3369Y  Black Women and Black Protest in America
HIST 3373A  U.S. Women’s History to 1877
HIST 3373B  U.S. Women’s History since 1877
HIST 3373C  The History of Rural Women
HIST 4350E  Gender in Latin American History
HIST 4350K  Gender & Militarization in the Arab World
HON 2305B  Women and Texas Music
HON 3392P  The Nature of the Human Experience: Technology & Gender in Film
HON 3396U  From White Slavery to Sex Trafficking
MC 4308  Women and Minorities in the Media
MC 4319  Latinas/Latinos and the Media

Total Hours 18