MINOR IN WOMEN’S STUDIES

The 18-hour 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 (6 hours) are WS 3376 and WS 3377. They 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.

Required Core Courses
WS 3376 Images of Women 3
WS 3377 Realities of Women 3

Elective Courses
Select four of the following: 12
ANTH 3324 Mexican American Culture
ANTH 3350 Gender and Sexuality in Cross-cultural Perspective
CJ 4326 Women and Criminal Justice
COMM 3328 Communication and Gender
DVST 3301 Introduction to Diversity Studies
ENG 3388 Women and Literature
ENG 3392 Women Writers of the Middle Ages
HIST 3369Y Black Women and Black Protest in America
HON 3392P The Nature of the Human Experience: Technology & Gender in Film
MC 4308 Women and Minorities in the Media
PHIL 3325 Philosophy of Sex and Love
PHIL 3333 Feminist Theory
POSI 4330 Women in Politics
PSY 3332 Psychology of Women
SOCI 3350 Men, Women, and Societies
WS 4388 Independent Research in Women’s Studies

Total Hours 18

Topics courses, offered on a selective basis, may also count toward the minor with permission from the Women’s Studies Program Director.