

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Founded in 1971 and unique in Kansas, the Center for Women's Studies at Wichita State University is one of the longest-standing, degree-granting, autonomous women's studies departments in the country.

As a department in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Center for Women's Studies offers a major and minor in women's studies. Students receive academic training and professional skills with the goal of improving women's lives in domestic and professional arenas. The analysis of gender, race/ethnicity, class and sexuality is central to the major.

Transnational and global analyses are included. Women's studies is interdisciplinary in approach, and the major reflects a thematic rather than disciplinary focus. The four core areas—Internationalism, Representation and Media, Social Issues, and Religion and Thought—provide critical understanding of women's lives in various social and political contexts. Students may elect to double-major in women's studies and other fields in the liberal arts and sciences, or other colleges. In addition, you may select appropriate cross-listed courses from such fields as philosophy, sociology, social work, history, English, anthropology, religion, ethnic studies, political science, criminal justice, psychology and communication to complete the major.

The major prepares students for careers in a variety of fields. If you are considering this major, a women's studies faculty member understanding your academic program, career goals and selection of core area will advise you.

If you major in women's studies, you'll enhance your preparation to work in areas such as social work, education, international relations, media, politics, law, psychology, criminal justice and others that concentrate on media literacy, diplomatic or foreign service, international trade, visual design, or social services. A women's studies major is also good preparation for graduate work not only in women's studies, but in cultural studies, American and liberal studies, as well as other disciplines and interdisciplinary fields.

Our graduates include lawyers, writers, Peace Corps volunteers, small business owners, social workers, human resources specialties, sales managers and professors.

Admission

When you choose to study women's studies, you will be admitted to the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will be assigned a faculty adviser in the women's studies department who will help you develop your program of study and who will outline specific requirements.

If you are still deciding on a major when you start at Wichita State, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center will help you explore career and major options.

Related Opportunities

As a women's studies major or minor, a BGS with a women's studies concentration, a liberal studies graduate student, or student involved in women's studies and global learning, you have the opportunity to apply for a variety of scholarships ranging in amounts from \$180-\$1,500. General Plaza of Heroines Scholarships are available up to \$500; also available are the Forum for Executive Women (FEW) scholarship, part-time graduate and undergraduate student assistantships, the YMCA Bessie Davis Mansfield Scholarship and scholarships that provide students with opportunities to participate in conferences.

As a women's studies major, you may also be employed—through the University's Cooperative Education program—in work related to women's studies and earn credit hours for the experience.

If eligible, you may be selected for University academic honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

Related Programs

The pursuit of studies related to women is relevant in any discipline.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The General Education Program is an integral component of every degree at Wichita State University. These courses make up about one third of any degree. The goals of the General Education program are:

- **To study and apply mathematical principles;**
- **To study and apply principles of written and oral communication;**
- **To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources;**
- **To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts in order to understand how scholars in those fields work;**
- **To study human diversity and its implications for society on a global basis.**

Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements provides knowledge and skills leading to life-long learning in an ever-changing global world.

Descriptions of the General Education Program and of the courses that are included in it are available both in the *University Catalog* and in the *Schedule of Courses*. These documents are available both in hard copy form and online at the WSU Web site: www.wichita.edu. Click on "Browse A-Z" and use C for the *Catalog* and S for the *Schedule of Courses* menu option, and then select "General Education."

When you enter the university, you will work with an academic advisor to select general education courses for your major and your degree choice.

For More Information

To receive more information, or to arrange a campus visit, contact:
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Major Requirements (30 hours)

Requirement core (12 hours)

WOM S 190 Women in Popular Culture
WOM S 287 Women in Society: Social Issues
WOM S 387 Women in Society: Cultural Images
WOM S 587 Theories of Feminism

Core area (9 hours)

3 courses taken within a core area. One course must be a diversity course, such as WOM S 370, 379, 482, 513, 514, 532, 542 or 586.

Electives (9 hours)

3 courses in any of the three core areas, taken in any combination.

Of the 30 credit hours, no more than 3 hours in courses numbered 140-149 may be counted toward the major. Other 100-level courses and workshops may not be counted toward the major, except WOM S 190. Students are strongly encouraged to take 190 as early as possible in the major.

Minor The minor in Women's Studies consists of a minimum of 15 hours of Women's Studies courses, including WOM S 287 and 387. Restrictions on 100-level courses in the major (see above) also apply to the minor.

Core Areas

Some courses may appear in two or three core areas if course content is appropriate.

Core Area I: Internationalism

WOM S 325 Women in the Political System
HIST 357 Women in the Ancient World
WOM S 370 Women in the World Religions
WOM S 379 Asian Women
WOM S 380K Women and Peace
WOM S 391 Women's Global Issues
WOM S 482 Latinas in Culture and Society
WOM S 513 Women in Africa
WOM S 514 Women in the Middle East
WOM S 533 Women and the Law
WOM S 532 Women in Ethnic America
WOM S 586 Gender, Race, and Knowledge
ANTH 542 Women in Other Cultures
HIST 577 Medieval Women

Core Area II: Representation

WOM S 330 Women's Personal Narratives
WOM S 338 Philosophy of Feminism
WOM S 482 Latinas in Culture and Society
WOM S 536 Writing by Women
WOM S 510 Hollywood Melodrama
WOM S 522 Women's Contemporary Drama
WOM S 523 Feminist Film Criticism
WOMS 588 Gender, Race and the West/East Divide

Core Area III: Social Issues

WOM S 306 Intro to Gender Studies
WOM S 316 Men and Masculinities
WOM S 340 Human Sexuality
WOM S 345 Women and Dependencies
WOM S 380 Special Topics (1-3)
WOM S 482 Latinas in Culture and Society
WOM S 516 Sociology of Gender Roles
WOM S 533 Women and the Law
WOM S 534 Psychology of Women
WOM S 541 Women, Children, and Poverty
WOM S 543 Women and Health
WOM S 580T Women and Aging
WOM S 586 Gender, Race, and Knowledge

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