

Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies

The program is not accepting applications for the Women and Gender Studies graduate certificate at this time.

This certificate is designed to enable students to develop a graduate-level understanding of women and gender. It may be taken without pursuing a master's degree or may be incorporated into a graduate degree.

The certificate will be particularly valuable in preparing students for careers that require expertise on gender. These include the broad areas of law and advocacy, healthcare and medicine, social work, education, counseling, human relations and resources, and government or public service. As the workplace and public life becomes increasingly complex and diverse, both the private and public sector want employees with sensitivity to gender and women's issues such as sexual harassment, flex-time, parental leave, violence against women, pay equity, and equal employment opportunities, to name a few.

Women and Gender Studies and other departments offer a large number of 400-level, cross-listed WGS courses and a small number of 500-level courses.

Grading Policy

Candidates for the certificate must complete course requirements with a grade of B or better (grades of B- or lower will not be accepted).

Requirements

Required Courses

WGS 501	Feminist Theories II	4
WGS graduate-level electives (400- or 500-level) ¹		8-12
Total Hours		12-16

¹ The WGS 411 course is a prerequisite for WGS 501.

If WGS 411 was completed as part of undergraduate course work, 12 hours of WGS graduate electives are required to complete the certificate. If WGS 411 is taken as part of the graduate certificate, eight hours of WGS graduate electives are required to complete the certificate.