

WOMEN'S, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (CERT)

Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/>) (GA)

Department: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (<https://louisville.edu/wgs/>)

Program Website (<https://louisville.edu/wgs/graduate-studies/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): WGSTCWG

Program Information

The Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate certificate is a 15 credit hour program for students who have completed a BS or BA degree in any field. Students with no prior coursework in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies may be required to take additional classes in preparation for admission to the certificate program.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the graduate certificate in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies is open to any student who has completed a BA or BS degree with a 3.0 overall GPA. Students may pursue the certificate outside the framework of a graduate degree program or in conjunction with a graduate degree program in another University of Louisville department.

Students wishing to pursue the certificate must apply for admission to the Graduate School by:

1. Completing the online graduate application (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>) and submitting the application fee, and
2. Submitting an official transcript reflecting previous degrees earned.
3. At least two letters of recommendation.

Students must also send directly to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies a one-to-two page letter of intent, describing how the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate certificate will further their personal or professional goals.

Students wishing to pursue the graduate certificate in conjunction with a graduate degree program in another University of Louisville department should first apply and be admitted to the degree program before applying for admission to the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate certificate program.

Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a total of 15 credit hours in courses approved for graduate credit in accordance with the policies of the Graduate School, approved by the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies director of graduate studies.
2. One course among the 15 credit hours must be selected from the list of approved Core Courses (Community Engaged Research Methods, History, or Theory); twelve (12) credit hours must be WGST electives. Core courses may also be used to satisfy electives.
3. At least two courses must be at the 600-level.
4. Coursework toward the graduate certificate in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies may also count toward the student's graduate degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework for the Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies		
Required Foundation Course:		3
WGST 556	Feminist Theory - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
WGST 604	Community Engaged Research Methods	
WGST 608	Queer Performance	
WGST 611	Transnational Feminism	
WGST 613	U.S. Social Justice Movements of the 20th Century	
WGST 642	African American Women and the History of Reproductive Justice	
WGST 644	Black Lesbian Lives	
Choose coursework from the following:		12
<i>Electives in Humanities</i>		
WGST 523	Gender and Popular Music - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
WGST 547	Language, Race, Class, and Gender	
WGST 560	Feminist Philosophical Literature	
WGST 571	Francophone Women Writers - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
WGST 593	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Humanities	
WGST 620	Women's Personal Narratives	
WGST 622	The Body in Popular Media	
WGST 641	Feminism and Science Fiction	
WGST 682	Health and Social Justice	
WGST 689	Independent Study: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies-Humanities	
WGST 692	Advanced Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies-Humanities	
<i>Electives in Social Sciences</i>		
WGST 538	Woman and Sport	
WGST 542	African American Women and the History of Reproductive Justice	
WGST 558	Women in Developing Countries - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
WGST 592	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
WGST 612	Gender, Race, Work, and Welfare	
WGST 615	Seminar in the Sociology of Disabilities	
WGST 630	Feminism in Western Civilization	
WGST 631	Women in the Twentieth Century in Europe and the U.S.	
WGST 632	History of American Sexualities	
WGST 633	Women in 19th-Century America	
WGST 640	Women's Health in Africa	
WGST 643	Black Women's Voices	
WGST 645	Southern Women: Black and White	

WGST 656	Feminist Theory
WGST 690	Independent Study: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies-Social Sciences
WGST 691	Advanced Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies-Social Sciences

Minimum Total Hours

15