

WOMEN'S, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (BS)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2022–Spring 2023 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Science in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)

Department: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/ws/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): WGSTBS

Program Information

Women's, Gender and Sexuality studies is an interdisciplinary major that draws its questions and approaches from the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and arts. It helps students to develop theoretical, empirical, and methodological perspectives for studying gender as a crucial category for understanding the world. We offer extremely flexible scheduling for our majors: we have three core courses, offered regularly; students are allowed a fair amount of control in selecting the classes that will be most helpful to them in their chosen career path to complete the remainder of their requirements. Our students are required to engage in service learning opportunities outside the university, giving them useful career experience. Students in our program also find it easy to double major, if they so desire.

WGST Majors learn to:

1. Apply gender analytics at the micro and macro level for research and practices of social change;
2. Examine complex social problems using gender-informed analysis, research and design;
3. Select appropriate methodologies from the humanities and social sciences for analyzing data and texts;
4. Provide appropriate theoretical interpretation based on discipline-related concepts;
5. Draw conclusions based on the analyses of texts and qualitative and quantitative information;
6. Demonstrate effective written and oral communications tailored to specific audiences and contexts to increase the understanding and utilization of research findings;
7. Identify how social, cultural and scientific knowledges are produced by institutions such as academic disciplines, media, arts, and politics;

8. Understand how gender intersects with other structures of power such as race, class, sexuality, disability and other structures of power in the U.S. and globally;
9. Draw from multiple fields of study to evaluate and generate information and experiences related to gender, race, class, sexuality, disability, etc.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Student Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹		31
College/School Requirements		7-9
Program/Major Requirements ¹		42
Supporting Courses		39
Minimum Total Hours		121

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Accelerated BA-BS/MA in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies majors who are considering pursuing a master's degree in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies can speed up the process by applying some of their undergraduate credit hours toward a master's degree. Students accepted into the Accelerated BA-BS/MA take three graduate courses (9 credit hours) as an undergraduate that apply toward both the bachelor's degree and the eventual master's degree.

Interested students must apply to the program during their Junior year (i.e., when they have accumulated 60-90 hours of credit). Students must complete an application for admission to the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department's Master of Arts program (including transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose, and a writing sample). Applicants must have a minimum overall grade point average and major grade point average of 3.35 and must meet all other requirements for admission to the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department's Master of Arts program.

Students must retain a 3.35 GPA in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies during their senior year to remain in the program.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to the BS in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on courses in the major.

The Application for Major form can be found on the Arts & Sciences Advising Center website (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply/>).

Accelerated BA-BS/MA in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Interested students should apply for entry into the accelerated program no later than the end of their Junior year.

To be considered for admission to the Accelerated Master of Arts in Women's, Women's and Gender and Sexuality Studies program, students must:

- Complete an application for admission to the Women's, Women's and Gender and Sexuality Studies Department's Master of Arts program (including GRE scores, transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose, and a writing sample) no later than the end of their junior year.
- Have a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.35; a Women's, Gender Women's and Sexuality Gender Studies GPA of 3.35; and meet all other requirements for admission to the Women's, Gender Women's and Sexuality Gender Studies Department's Master of Arts program.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)*	31

The following courses are required by the program and satisfy the respective General Education Requirement(s):

WGST 201 Women In American Culture - AH, D1

Some program guided electives also may satisfy General Education requirements.

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
	Foreign Language ¹	6-8
	Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences at the 300 level or above ²	
	WR – two approved courses at the 300 level or above ²	
Minimum Total Hours		7-9

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Core Courses		
WGST 201	Women In American Culture - AH, D1	3
WGST 401	Community Internship	3
WGST 500	Senior Seminar in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences - CUE, WR	3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Humanities Electives		

Select up to three of the following, of which one must be at the 400+ level:

WGST 202	Seeing Gender: Introduction to Gender in Visual Studies - D1, AH
WGST 203	Gender Issues in Public Dialogue - OC, D1
WGST 207	Introduction to Philosophy through Cultural Diversity - D2, AH
WGST 303	Humanities and Gender - AH, D2
WGST 320	Women in Music: A History - AH, D1
WGST 325	Women and Global Literature - D2, AH
WGST 326	Gender and Children's Literature - AH, D1
WGST 340	Women and Religion - AH, D2
WGST 342	Black Women Novelists - AH, D2, WR
WGST 346	Women in Africa: Historical and Literary Perspectives
WGST 360	Philosophy and Feminism - D1, AH
WGST 373	Women Writers and Filmmakers - WR
WGST 375	LGBTQ Literature in the United States - AH, D1
WGST 380	African-American Women in Theatre - WR, AH, D1
WGST 395	Women, Media and Culture - D1, AH
WGST 508	Queer Performance
WGST 520	Women's Personal Narratives
WGST 522	The Body in Popular Media - WR
WGST 523	Gender and Popular Music - WR
WGST 525	Art and Trauma
WGST 541	Feminism and Science Fiction
WGST 560	Feminist Philosophical Literature
WGST 571	Francophone Women Writers - WR
WGST 582	Health and Social Justice

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Social Science Electives

Select up to four of the following, of which one must be at the 400+ level:

WGST 204	DIGITAL FEMINISM-SBD2 - D2, SB
WGST 240	World LGBTQ+ Cinema - SB, D2
WGST 300	Sex, Gender and Culture
WGST 301	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies
WGST 302	LGBTQ and Applied Healthcare
WGST 312	Sociology of Women's Health
WGST 313	Sociology of Gender
WGST 316	Gender, Sexuality & Law
WGST 323	Queer Politics
WGST 324	Communication and Gender
WGST 331	The History of Women, 1700 to the Present
WGST 332	History of Childhood in America - D1, SBH, WR
WGST 333	Women in Latin American History
WGST 339	Black Women and the Criminology System
WGST 343	Faces of Global Poverty - WR
WGST 344	Black Lesbian Lives
WGST 337	Motherhood and the Law
WGST 347	Racism and Sexism - D1, SB
WGST 348	African-American Women - WR
WGST 349	Color Complex of Black Women

WGST 355	Women in American Politics
WGST 364	Women's Health Issues - D1, SB
WGST 394	Lectures in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
WGST 410	Black Feminism in Action
WGST 411	Psychology of Women
WGST 414	Gender and Work
WGST 415	Sociology of Disabilities
WGST 416	Sexual Assault and the Legal System
WGST 417	Reproductive Justice
WGST 418	Domestic Violence
WGST 458	Women: International Perspective
WGST 460	Gender in the Middle East
WGST 509	Women and Medicine
WGST 511	Transnational Feminism
WGST 512	Gender, Race, Work, and Welfare
WGST 513	U.S. Social Justice Movements of the 20th Century
WGST 530	Feminism in Western Civilization, 1790-1920 - WR
WGST 531	Women in the Twentieth Century in Europe and the U.S. - WR
WGST 532	History of American Sexualities - WR
WGST 533	Women in 19th-Century America - WR
WGST 538	Woman and Sport
WGST 540	Women's Health in Africa - WR
WGST 542	African American Women and the History of Reproductive Justice
WGST 543	Black Women's Voices - WR
WGST 547	Language, Race, Class, and Gender
WGST 556	Feminist Theory - WR
WGST 558	Women in Developing Countries - WR
WGST 584	Women in East Asian History

Elective in Women/Gender and Race

Select two of the following: 6

WGST 339	Black Women and the Criminology System
WGST 342	Black Women Novelists - AH, D2, WR
WGST 343	Faces of Global Poverty - WR
WGST 346	Women in Africa: Historical and Literary Perspectives
WGST 347	Racism and Sexism - D1, SB
WGST 348	African-American Women - WR
WGST 349	Color Complex of Black Women
WGST 380	African-American Women in Theatre - WR, AH, D1
WGST 410	Black Feminism in Action
WGST 512	Gender, Race, Work, and Welfare
WGST 513	U.S. Social Justice Movements of the 20th Century
WGST 540	Women's Health in Africa - WR
WGST 542	African American Women and the History of Reproductive Justice
WGST 543	Black Women's Voices - WR
WGST 545	Southern Women: Black and White
WGST 547	Language, Race, Class, and Gender
WGST 582	Health and Social Justice

Elective in Women/Gender and History

Select one of the following: 3

WGST 331	The History of Women, 1700 to the Present
WGST 332	History of Childhood in America - D1, SBH, WR
WGST 333	Women in Latin American History
WGST 509	Women and Medicine
WGST 513	U.S. Social Justice Movements of the 20th Century
WGST 530	Feminism in Western Civilization, 1790-1920 - WR
WGST 531	Women in the Twentieth Century in Europe and the U.S. - WR
WGST 532	History of American Sexualities - WR
WGST 533	Women in 19th-Century America - WR
WGST 545	Southern Women: Black and White
WGST 584	Women in East Asian History

Electives in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at the 300-level or above 6

Minimum Total Hours 42

Code	Title	Hours
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Supporting Courses

Select either an approved A&S minor or one of the concentration options described below	27-33
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Minor Options (Choose one of the following)

1. Minor in a Social Sciences discipline (18-21 hours) with 9 hours of electives at 300+ level in Humanities or Natural Sciences
2. Minor in a Natural Science discipline (18-21 hours) with 9 hours of electives at 300+ level in Humanities or Social Sciences
3. Minor in a Humanities discipline (18-21 hours) with 9 hours of electives at 300+ level in Social Sciences or Natural Sciences

Concentration Options (Choose one of the following)

1. Concentration in Social Sciences (18 hours of Social Science electives) with 9 hours of electives at 300+ level in Humanities or Natural Sciences

- At least 9 hours in a single Social Science discipline
- No more than 6 hours taken at the 200-level may be counted towards the concentration
- At least 12 hours must be 300+ level
- Up to 6 hours in the concentration can double-count in the major

2. Concentration in Natural Sciences (18 hours of Natural Science electives) with 9 hours of electives at 300+ level in Humanities or Social Sciences

- At least 9 hours in a single Natural Science discipline
- No more than 6 hours taken at the 200-level may be counted towards the concentration
- At least 12 hours must be 300+ level
- Up to 6 hours in the concentration can double-count in the major

Select one of the following Statistics, Research Methods, or Logic courses: 3

MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR
BSTA 201	Business Statistics
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis - QR
PAS 408	Research Methods in Pan-African Studies - WR
POLS 390	Contemporary Political Research
PSYC 301	Statistics for Psychology
	or PSYC 302 Research Methods for Psychology

SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
ANTH 511	Ethnographic Methods - WR	
PHIL 311	Introduction to Logic	
Minimum Electives ³		3-9
Minimum Total Hours		39

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
WGST 500	Senior Seminar in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences - CUE, WR	

Consult your WGST advisor about how the following Topics and Independent Study courses may count in your major:

Code	Title	Hours
WGST 390	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Humanities	3
WGST 391	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences	3
WGST 392	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences - WR	3
WGST 393	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Humanities - WR	3
WGST 490	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Humanities	3
WGST 498	Senior Honors Thesis: Social Sciences - WR	3
WGST 499	Senior Honors Thesis: Humanities - WR	3
WGST 589	Independent Study: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies-Humanities	1-3
WGST 590	Independent Study: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies-Social Sciences	1-3
WGST 591	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences	3
WGST 592	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences - WR	3
WGST 593	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Humanities	3
WGST 594	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Humanities - WR	3

¹ Completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on the language taken. Students who take fewer than 9 hours will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

² May be incorporated into other degree requirements

³ Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program and those who satisfy the A&S foreign language requirement in fewer than 9 hours will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Flight Plan

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC	3

WGST 201	Women In American Culture - AH, D1	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
Hours		14

Spring		
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Humanities or Race & Gender elective		3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Social Science elective		3
Course in minor or focus		3
Hours		15

Year 2		
Fall		
WGST 199 or ENGL 102	Writing in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies - WC or Intermediate College Writing - WC	3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Race & Gender elective		3
WGST 203	Gender Issues in Public Dialogue - OC, D1	3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies History elective		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		
General elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Statistics, Research Methods, or Logic course		3
Course in minor or focus		3
Supporting course (in discipline outside the minor or focus)		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15

Year 3		
Fall		
Foreign Language 1		3-4
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Humanities elective and WR		3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Social Science elective or Gender & Race elective		3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies elective (300 level or above)		3
Course in minor or focus		3
Hours		16

Spring		
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Social Science elective		3
Supporting course (outside of minor or focus)		3
Course in minor or focus		3
Foreign Language 2		3-4
General Elective		3
Hours		16

Year 4		
Fall		
WGST 401	Community Internship	3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Humanities elective (400+ level)		3
Course in minor or focus		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		
WGST 500	Senior Seminar in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences - CUE, WR	3
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Social Science elective (400+ level)		3
Course in minor or focus		3
Supporting course (outside of minor or focus)		3

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies elective (300 level or above)	3
Hours	15
Minimum Total Hours	121

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

To create either report:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Next, click on "View my Degree Audit" to run a Degree Audit report in the Undergraduate Advising area.
4. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, or create a What-if report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)

Flight Planner

Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.