WOMEN’S, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (BS)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2019–Spring 2020 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.

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

Degree Summary

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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 already thinking about pursuing a master’s degree in the field can speed up the process by applying some of their undergraduate credit hours toward a master’s degree. The basic idea is to take three graduate level courses/nine hours (either 500-level with the additional graduate level assignments, or 600-level) while still an undergraduate, and then have those credits apply both toward the undergraduate degree and towards an eventual master’s degree from UofL.

Students in the accelerated Master of Arts in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies program may take a maximum of nine hours for graduate credit, which will also apply to the requirements for the baccalaureate degree. To be considered for admission to the Accelerated Master of Arts in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies program, students must have a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.35; a Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies GPA of 3.35; and 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. Once admitted to the accelerated BS/MA program and starting the graduate work, students are expected to maintain a full graduate load of 9 credit hours.

Students in the accelerated BS/MA program must meet all of the MA requirements including receiving at least 18 of their 37-hour program in 600-level, courses.

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 Studies Department’s Master of Arts program.

### General Education Requirements

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

- **WGST 201** Women In American Culture - D1, SB

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

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Minimum Total Hours: 7-9

### Program/Major Requirements

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**Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Humanities Electives**

Select three of the following, of which one must be at the 400+ level: 9

- **WGST 203** Gender Issues in Public Dialogue - D1, OC
- **WGST 207** Introduction to Philosophy through Cultural Diversity - AH, D2
- **WGST 303** Humanities and Gender - AH, D2
- **WGST 320** Women in Music: A History - AH, D1
- **WGST 325** Women and Global Literature - AH, D2
- **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 - AH, D1
- **WGST 373** Women Writers and Filmmakers - WR
- **WGST 375** LGBTQ Literature in the United States - AH, D1
- **WGST 380** African-American Women in Theatre - AH, D1, WR

- **WGST 395** Women, Media and Culture - AH, D1
- **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 560** Feminist Philosophical Literature
- **WGST 571** Francophone Women Writers - WR
- **WGST 582** Gender, Race and Culture in Health Care

**Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Social Science Electives**

Select four of the following, of which one must be at the 400+ level: 12

- **WGST 300** Sex, Gender, and Culture
- **WGST 301** Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies
- **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, SB, WR
- **WGST 333** Women in Latin American History
- **WGST 343** Faces of Global Poverty - WR
- **WGST 344** Black Lesbian Lives
- **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 458** Women: International Perspective
- **WGST 460** Gender in the Middle East
- **WGST 512** Gender, Race, Work, and Welfare
- **WGST 513** U.S. Social Justice Movements
- **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 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 one of the following: 3
Elective in Women/Gender and History

Select one of the following:

- 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 513 U.S. Social Justice Movements
- 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

Supporting Courses

Select either an approved A&S minor or one of the concentration options described below:

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

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

- At least 9 hours in a single Humanities 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:

- MATH 109 Elementary Statistics - QR
- BSTA 301 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, Minimum Total Hours: 81

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

**Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)**

Requirement fulfilled by completing:

- WGST 500 Senior Seminar in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences - CUE, WR

**Topics and Independent Study courses in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies (BS)**

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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 Student Services tab.
3. Next, click on "View my Academic Advisement Report" 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.