

BS IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Units required for Major: 36

Total units required for BS: 120

Program Description

Women's and Gender Studies is a dynamic interdisciplinary field preparing students to be future leaders, scholars, and social justice activists. We are dedicated to studying the social production of gender and women's experiences in relation to formations of sexuality, race, class, nationality, ability, ageism, and other categories of difference. Scholarship and research in Women's and Gender Studies emphasize the importance of connecting what students learn in the classroom to political projects and personal experiences.

Our curriculum empowers students to be agents of change in their communities and society. It provides them tools to examine relations of gender in local, national, and global contexts. Our courses situate gender within specific historical and cultural contexts, allowing students to examine how our lives are shaped by social and economic institutions, political movements, and individual experiences. "Putting Theory into Practice" since 1971, we place a strong emphasis on community involvement and activism, and we offer many opportunities for internships and service work credit.

The B.S. in Women's and Gender Studies prepares students for careers in education, as professors, teachers, or curriculum specialists; counseling, as school counselors, psychological or family therapists; law; health; human services; student services; and public service.

Minimum total units required for the BS: 120; 40 units should be upper division.

Minimum Grade Requirement

A minimum grade of C- is required of courses applied to the major.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
A. Core Courses (12 Units)		
WGS 50	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies ¹	3
WGS 85	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies ¹	3
WGS 110	Introduction to Feminist Movements in the United States ¹	3
WGS 180	Seminar in Feminist Theory	3
B. Required Departmental Elective Courses (15-18 Units)		
Select 5-6 courses from the following, with at least one course from each category:		15 - 18
<i>Political and Social Movements / Applied</i>		
WGS 75	Introduction to Disability Studies ¹	
WGS 133	Gender & Health ¹	
WGS 136	Gender, Race, and Class ¹	
WGS 139	Violence Against Women ¹	
WGS 148	Black Feminisms ¹	
WGS 175	Gender & Disability ¹	

WGS 195A	Fieldwork in Women's Studies
WGS 198	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WGS 199	Special Problems
<i>Critical Cultural Studies</i>	
WGS 25	Introduction to Gender & Sexuality ¹
WGS 120	Mother Woman Person ¹
WGS 137	Women of Color ¹
WGS 140	Latinx Feminist Studies ¹
WGS 145	Goddess, Witch, Feminist ¹
WGS 146	Women In Art ¹
WGS 150	Introduction to Queer and Trans Studies
<i>Globalization and Transnational Feminisms</i>	
WGS 121	Women Of The Middle East ¹
WGS 125	Sex & Gender in South Asia ¹
WGS 138	Women and Work ¹
WGS 147	Women & Globalization
C. Interdisciplinary Elective Courses (9-12 Units) ²	
Select 3-4 courses from the following:	
CRJ 111	Women and the Criminal Justice System ¹
ECON 184	Women and the Economy
ENGL 185B	Twentieth Century Fiction by Women ²
ENGL 185C	British Women Novelists ²
ENGL 185D	American Women Writers ²
EDUC 165	Sex Role Stereotyping in American Education ¹
ETHN 132	La Mujer Chicana
ETHN 151	Native American Women
ETHN 172	Black Women In America
HIST 167	History of American Women ¹
HIST 175A	Sex, Population, and Birth Control in America ¹
HRS 185	Women in Film and American Culture ¹
JOUR 172	Women in the Mass Media ¹
PHIL 123	Philosophy and Feminism
PSYC 134	Psychology of Human Sexuality ¹
PSYC 157	Psychology of Women
SOC 126	Sociology of Gender ¹
SWRK 134	Crimes Without Victims ¹
WGS/ETHN 118	Asian American Women ¹
WGS/THEA 144	Women and Theatre: Staging Diversity ¹
WGS/POLS 166	Gender and Politics
WGS/HIST 172A	LGBTQ Histories

Total Units **36-42**

¹ Course also satisfies a General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

² 4-unit course.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (6 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking ²	0
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (10 Units)		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ²	0
Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area D: The Individual and Society (3 Units)		
Area D Course		3
Area D Course ²		0
Area D Course	- Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ²	0
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)		
Area E Course		3
Area F: Ethnic Studies		
Area F Course		
Total Units		34

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government	3
	Writing Intensive (WI) ²	0
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		
	English Composition II	3
	Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)	3
	Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³	6

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² Department recommends WGS Elective that meets the WI Graduation Requirement; see Program Requirements table above.

Note: WGS courses that meet the WI Graduation Requirement are displayed with a pencil icon.

³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

The following roadmaps are sample planning resources. Please consult your academic advisor and Academic Catalog for graduation requirements as you develop your individualized academic plan.

Women's and Gender Studies, BS: 4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
WGS 50	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3
GE Area 1B - Critical Thinking ²		3
GE Area 1C - Oral Communication ²		3
GE Area 3A - Arts ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
WGS 85	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3
GE Area 1A - English Composition ²		3
GE Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies ²		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²		4
Units		16
Year 2		
First Semester		
ENGL 20	College Composition II	3
GE Area 5B - Biological Science ²		3
GE Area 5C - Laboratory ²		1
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²		4
Units		14
Second Semester		
WGS 110	Introduction to Feminist Movements in the United States	3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
GE Area 3B - Humanities ²		3
GE Area 5A - Physical Science ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15

Year 3		
First Semester		
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Interdisciplinary Elective ³		3
Writing Intensive ²		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
	Units	15
Second Semester		
WGS 180	Seminar in Feminist Theory	3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Interdisciplinary Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
	Units	15
Year 4		
First Semester		
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Interdisciplinary Elective ³		3
Elective of Choice		3
	Units	15
Second Semester		
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Interdisciplinary Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
	Units	15
	Total Units	120

Second Semester	
WGS Interdisciplinary Elective ³	3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences + American Institutions (GOVT) ²	3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²	3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²	3
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²	4
	Units
	16
	Total Units
	62

1. Any course not completed in the first semester should be taken in the second or a later semester.
2. Please see General Education/Graduation Requirement **course options** (https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/curriculum-%20workflow/_internal/_documents/program-road-maps/als_2yr/art_transfer-%20roadmap-2024-25.pdf).
3. Please see an academic advisor for elective options.

Women's and Gender Studies, BS: 2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
WGS 85	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	3
WGS 110	Introduction to Feminist Movements in the United States	3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Interdisciplinary Elective ³		3
	Units	15
Second Semester		
WGS 50	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3
WGS 180	Seminar in Feminist Theory	3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Interdisciplinary Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities + Writing Intensive ²		3
	Units	15
Year 2		
First Semester		
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Departmental Elective ³		3
WGS Interdisciplinary Elective ³		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²		4
	Units	16