BA with a Major in Gender and Women’s Studies

Degree Requirements
To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete University, college, and program degree requirements. The Gender and Women’s Studies Program degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Summary of Requirements
Major Requirements 33
General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total Hours 87
Total Hours 120

General Education
See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section for information on meeting these requirements.

Major Requirements
Required Courses
GWS 101 Gender in Everyday Life a,b 3
GWS 102 Global Perspectives on Women and Gender a,c 3
GWS 292 History and Theories of Feminism d 3
GWS 390 Feminism and Social Change 3
Select one course from three of the following four categories: e 9

Culture and Representation
GWS 111 Women and Literature
GWS 117 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Literature
GWS 120 Study of Gender, Class, and Political Issues in German Texts
GWS 192 From the Convent to the Streets: Latin American Women Writers in Translation
GWS 204 Gender and Popular Culture
GWS 211 Gender and Sexual Orientation in Greek and Roman Literature
GWS 244 Women in Russian Literature
GWS 261 Reading Black Women Writing
GWS 272 Race, Gender, and Sexuality
GWS 275 Gender in Latin America
GWS 276 Latinas in the United States
GWS 304 Gender and Communication
GWS 311 Gender and Sexuality in Early Christianity and Judaism
GWS 361 Gender Theory
GWS 363 Gender and Sexuality in Literature
GWS 406 Politics of Race, Gender and Class
GWS 439 Gender and Cultural Production
GWS 458 Asian America and Transnational Feminism
GWS 462 AIDS, Politics and Culture
GWS 469 Women’s Literary Traditions
GWS 472 Women and Film

Science, Health, and the Body
GWS 214 Sex and Gender in World Cultures
GWS 238 Biology of Women
GWS 262 Constructions of Gender, Race, Health, and Human Rights
GWS 315 Psychology of Women and Gender
GWS 419 Public Health Aspects of Sexuality and Women’s Health
GWS 450 Women and Mental Health Nursing
GWS 462 AIDS, Politics and Culture

Feminism, Social Policy, and the State
GWS 202 Comparative Social Movements
GWS 224 Gender and Society
GWS 232 Sex Roles: Moral and Political Issues
GWS 259 The History of American Women
GWS 262 Constructions of Gender, Race, Health, and Human Rights
GWS 275 Gender in Latin America
GWS 276 Latinas in the United States
GWS 356 Constitutional Law: Women, Gender and Privacy
GWS 406 Politics of Race, Gender and Class
GWS 424 Gender, Crime, and Justice
GWS 425 Sociology of Gender
GWS 428 Asian/Asian American Women in the Global Economy
GWS 462 AIDS, Politics and Culture
GWS 478 Women in Chinese History
GWS 484 Topics in the History of Women
GWS 485 Gender and Politics

Sexuality and Society
GWS 117 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Literature
GWS 203 Sexuality and Community: Lesbians, Gay Men and Contemporary Society
GWS 204 Gender and Popular Culture
GWS 211 Gender and Sexual Orientation in Greek and Roman Literature
GWS 224 Gender and Society
GWS 232 Sex Roles: Moral and Political Issues
GWS 252 Sexuality in America: Historical Perspectives
GWS 263 Asian American Gender and Sexual Diversity
GWS 272 Race, Gender, and Sexuality
GWS 290 Topics in the Study of Sexuality
GWS 304 Gender and Communication
GWS 311 Gender and Sexuality in Early Christianity and Judaism
GWS 362 Queer Theory
GWS 363  Gender and Sexuality in Literature
GWS 403  Culture and Sexuality: Cultural History of Same-Sex Relations
GWS 462  AIDS, Politics and Culture
GWS 484  Topics in the History of Women
GWS 490  Advanced Topics in the Study of Sexuality

Four additional GWS courses  12

**Total Hours**  33

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a  *This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category.*

b  *This course is approved for the Understanding U.S. Society General Education category.*

c  *This course is approved for the Exploring World Cultures General Education category.*

d  *GWS 292 fulfills the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.*

e  *Students should consult the General Education [catalog.uic.edu/ucat/degree-programs/general-education](http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/degree-programs/general-education) section of the catalog to determine if any of the courses on these lists are approved General Education courses.*

Of the 33 hours required for the major, no more than 9 hours can be at the 100-level and at least 6 hours must be at the 400-level. The same course cannot count toward more than one category requirement for the major. No more than 3 hours of GWS 396 may be applied to the major.

### Recommended Plan of Study

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**Term Hours:**  15

**Total Hours:**  120

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a  *Students may need to complete prerequisite courses before fulfilling the Quantitative Reasoning Requirement.*

b  *Two of these courses may be used to satisfy two of the nine courses in the new General Education requirement.*