

Gender and Women's Studies (Interdepartmental Concentration)

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The Gender and Women's Studies Program offers study opportunities leading to a graduate Interdepartmental Concentration in Gender and Women's Studies. Students in the following graduate programs may be eligible to complete the Interdepartmental Concentration in Gender and Women's Studies:

Graduate Program	Level
Anthropology	MA, PhD
Art History	MA, PhD
Communication	MA, PhD
Criminology, Law, and Justice	MA, PhD
Curriculum and Instruction	PhD
Disability and Human Development	MS
Disability Studies	PhD
Early Childhood Education	MEd
Economics	MA, PhD
Educational Psychology	PhD
English	MA, PhD
French and Francophone Studies	MA
Germanic Studies	MA, PhD
Health Professions Education	MHPE
Hispanic Studies	MA, PhD
History	MA, PhD
Instructional Leadership	MEd
Language, Literacy, and Learning	MEd
Linguistics	MA
Nursing	PhD
Philosophy	MA, PhD
Policy Studies in Urban Education	PhD
Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies	MA, PhD
Political Science	MA, PhD
Psychology	MA, PhD

Public Administration	MPA
Public Health—Community Health Sciences Concentration	MS, PhD
Science Education	MEd
Social Work	MSW, PhD
Sociology	MA, PhD
Special Education	MEd, PhD
Urban Education Leadership	EdD
Urban Planning and Policy	MUPP, PhD

Concentration Requirements

Students earning graduate degrees in the participating programs may complement their courses by enrolling in a concentration in Gender and Women's Studies after consulting with their graduate advisor. Students pursuing this concentration must apply to the director of graduate studies in the Gender and Women's Studies Program as well as obtain approval from a graduate faculty member, from within the department of the degree, and preferably one who is affiliated with Gender and Women's Studies. Either this person or another faculty member in the Gender and Women's Studies Program becomes the student's Interdisciplinary Concentration advisor.

Students should enroll in a total of 16 hours of graduate course work for the concentration: GWS 501 and GWS 502, plus 8 additional hours of Gender and Women's Studies or cross-listed courses at the graduate level or the equivalent. Up to 4 of these hours can be directed study or thesis research on an appropriate topic approved by the student's advisor.

Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health

Students with an interest in Gender and Women's Studies who are pursuing a graduate degree in the College of Nursing or School of Public Health may complement their courses by enrolling in a concentration in Women's Health after consulting with their advisor. See Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health (<http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/nursing/womens-health-conc/>) in the *College of Nursing* section for more information.

GWS 403. Culture and Sexuality: Cultural History of Same-Sex Relations. 3 or 4 hours.

Lesbian/gay studies; issues in the history of (homo)sexuality; cultural and historical analysis of same-sexuality in several periods, including our own. Course Information: Same as HIST 403. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or consent of the instructor.

GWS 404. Disability, Sexuality, and Health. 3 or 4 hours.

Explores how political, social, and cultural systems as well as historical contexts shape understandings and experiences of disability, sexuality, and health. Course Information: Same as DHD 404. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 406. Topics in Black Feminist & Queer Theory. 3 or 4 hours.

Advanced study of topics related to theories of race, gender and sexuality with a specific focus on black feminist and queer studies. Topics may vary. Course Information: Same as BLST 406. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above and one 100-level course in Black Studies or one 100-level course in Gender and Women's Studies; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 409. Women and Gender in the Middles East. 3 or 4 hours.

Advanced interdisciplinary seminar examining issues of women and gender in the Middles East and Muslim societies. Historical and contemporary analyses, case studies with regional and transnational focus. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): GWS 255; or graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 419. Public Health Aspects of Sexuality and Women's Health. 3 hours.

An overview of human sexuality from a public health perspective with special emphasis on family planning, sexuality and behavioral effects on women's health. Course Information: Same as CHSC 419. Prerequisite(s): Graduate or professional standing; or approval of the department.

GWS 424. Gender, Crime, and Justice. 3 or 4 hours.

An in-depth examination of the etiology of female crime and the involvement of females in the criminal justice system as offenders, victims, and workers/professionals. Course Information: Same as CLJ 424. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 425. Sociology of Gender. 3 or 4 hours.

Variety and change in gender roles; patterns and consequences of gender inequality; gender and sexuality; gender and social institutions such as family, economy. Course Information: Same as SOC 424. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): SOC 224, or any 100 or 200-level GWS course and an additional 200 or 300-level elective in sociology or gender and women studies; Junior standing or above; or graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 428. Asian/Asian American Women in the Global Economy. 3 or 4 hours.

Examines the racialization and feminization of a global division of labor and focuses primarily on Asian and Asian American women's participation and incorporation as workers and key actors in the development of the global economy. Course Information: Same as GLAS 428 and SOC 428. 3 undergraduate hours; 4 graduate hours. Previously listed as ASAM 428. Prerequisite(s): At least one GLAS or GWS or SOC course; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 438. Women in South Asian History. 3 or 4 hours.

A study of the diversity of women's experiences in South Asia in a range of social, cultural, and religious contexts from the ancient period to the present. Course Information: Same as GLAS 438 and HIST 438. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of History or consent of the instructor.

GWS 439. Gender and Cultural Production. 3 or 4 hours.

Issues of gender representation and gender politics examined through the use of theoretical texts or through the study of women authors. Course Information: Same as CEES 439 and GER 439. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 1 time(s) if topics vary. Taught in English. Students who intend to use GER 439/GWS 439 toward a degree offered by the Department in Germanic Studies will do assignments in German. Area: Literature/Culture. Prerequisite(s): GER 212 or consent of the instructor.

GWS 440. Language and Gender. 3 or 4 hours.

Examination of sociolinguistic research and theories on the interrelationships between language and gender, including gender categories in linguistic systems, gender differences in language use, interaction, and cross-cultural comparisons. Course Information: Same as LING 440. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Previously listed as GWS 540. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 443. Topics in Gender, Sexuality and Literature. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific study of topics in gender and literature. Content varies. Course Information: Same as ENGL 443. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 1 time(s). Prerequisite(s): ENGL 361 or ENGL 362 or ENGL 363 or GWS 101 or GWS 102; and senior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 444. Topics in Theories of Gender and Sexuality. 3 or 4 hours.

Advanced study of topics related to theories of gender and sexuality. Course Information: Same as ENGL 444. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 1 time(s). Prerequisite(s): ENGL 361 or ENGL 362 or ENGL 363 or GWS 101 or GWS 102; and senior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 450. Women and Mental Health Nursing. 3 hours.

Theories of female psychology; women's daily lives and mental health; gender differences in mental illness; strategies for improving women's mental health. Course Information: Same as NUEL 450. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must have credit in PSCH 100 and either PSCH 270 or PSCH 315 or GWS 315.

GWS 455. Advanced Seminar in Feminism and Justice. 3 or 4 hours.

Advanced interdisciplinary seminar on feminist theories of social justice, histories of freedom movements, and intersectional feminist theories and analyses of justice that ignited these movements. Topics will vary. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours of credit for undergraduates, or 8 hours of credit for graduate students. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): GWS 101 and GWS 102. Recommended Background: SJ 101 or SJ 201.

GWS 458. Asian America and Transnational Feminism. 3 or 4 hours.

Advanced, cross-disciplinary examination of feminism among Asian Americans from critical race and decolonizing perspectives and in a transnational context. Course Information: Same as GLAS 458. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): At least one GLAS or GWS course; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 462. AIDS, Politics and Culture. 3 or 4 hours.

Introduction to the study of AIDS as a medical, social, political and cultural construction. Explores the epidemiology of AIDS, the politics of the state's response, how activists have addressed AIDS, and media representations of AIDS. Course Information: Same as HIST 462. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): GWS 101 or GWS 102 or GWS 203 or GWS 214 and junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 463. Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Asian America. 3 or 4 hours.

Advanced, cross-disciplinary examination of issues related to gender and sexuality among Asian Americans, with critical attention paid to feminist and queer perspectives on the politics of representation and identity construction. Course Information: Same as GLAS 463. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Previously listed as ASAM 463.

GWS 469. Women's Literary Traditions. 3 or 4 hours.

An exploration of issues such as the female aesthetic; women's popular literature; factors that enable creativity; differences of race and class. Course Information: Same as ENGL 469. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): ENGL 361 or ENGL 362 or ENGL 363; and senior standing or above; or consent of instructor.

GWS 472. Women and Film. 3 or 4 hours.

Roles and representations of women in classical Hollywood, European art and independent feminist cinemas. Course Information: Same as AH 434, and ENGL 472. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): ENGL 302 or ENGL 342 or ENGL 361 or ENGL 362 or ENGL 363; and senior standing or above; or consent of instructor.

GWS 478. Women in Chinese History. 3 or 4 hours.

Focuses on scholarship on women in Chinese society throughout history, dealing with topics such as marriage and family, literacy, career options, women in revolution and the historiography of the field. Course Information: Same as ASST 478, and HIST 478. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Recommended background: Previous course work in Chinese history or women's studies.

GWS 484. Topics in the History of Women. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as HIST 484. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history or gender and women's studies or consent of the instructor.

GWS 485. Gender and Politics. 3 or 4 hours.

Impact of gender on basic categories of western political thought. Distinctions between reason and emotion, public and private, among others, examined from feminist perspective. Course Information: Same as POLS 485. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): POLS 190 and one 200-level course in political theory; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 490. Advanced Topics in the Study of Sexuality. 3 or 4 hours.

Special study at an advanced level of a topic concerning sexuality. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of gender and women's studies, or consent of the instructor.

GWS 494. Advanced Topics in Gender and Women's Studies. 3 or 4 hours.

Specialized study of a problem, topic or issue relevant to the interdisciplinary area of gender and women's studies at the advanced level. Content varies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Senior or graduate standing.

GWS 496. Independent Study. 1-3 hours.

Individual advanced reading or research in Gender and Women's Studies, under the supervision of a faculty member. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): GWS 101 and GWS 102; and consent of the instructor. Recommended background: GWS 292 and GWS 390.

GWS 501. Feminist Theories. 4 hours.

Significant trends in the analysis of gender and sexuality, and the intersection of those trends with analyses of power, difference, and equality. Historical and contemporary, national and non-U.S. based critiques of identity, agency, representation.

GWS 502. Feminist Knowledge Production. 4 hours.

Exploration of diverse feminist research approaches emphasizing interdisciplinarity in terms of method and intersectionality in terms of identity. Specific themes or topics examined from a feminist perspective across disciplines.

GWS 514. Gender Issues in Cross-Cultural Perspectives. 4 hours.

Selected substantive and theoretical issues in the cross-cultural study of gender roles, conceptions, and relations. Course Information: Same as ANTH 514. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 500 or consent of the instructor.

GWS 525. Social Work with Women. 3 hours.

Research, policy, and practice approaches to working with women in diverse urban settings; empowerment and diversity perspectives. Course Information: Same as SOCW 525. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 547. Race, Class, and Gender Dimensions of Crime and Justice. 4 hours.

Theories addressing the intersections of race, class, gender, crime and justice. Specifically, students examine criminological theories, social construction of race, class, and gender, legal decision-making, and implications of this for justice in our society. Course Information: Same as CLJ 547.

GWS 563. Politics of Gender, Sexuality and Education. 4 hours.

Cross-disciplinary examination of issues related to gender, sexuality, and sexual orientation in education, with critical attention paid to educational policy and practice. Course Information: Same as EDPS 563. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

GWS 583. Women in Education. 4 hours.

An overview of girl's and women's educational experiences and placement within the academic structure (as students, professionals and intellectuals). The impact of gender on the realization of educational, economic and social opportunities. Course Information: Same as EDPS 583. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor or enrollment in the Ph.D. in Policy Studies in Urban Education program.

GWS 594. Special Topics in Gender and Women's Studies. 1-4 hours.

Study of a problem, topic or issue relevant to the interdisciplinary area of gender and women's studies. Content varies. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor or one course in gender and women's studies.

GWS 596. Independent Study. 1-4 hours.

Topics and plan of study must be approved by the instructor. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.