BA with a Major in Gender and Women's Studies

Program Codes:
20FT1279BA

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.

Code	Title	Hours
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

Code	Title	Hours
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 120	Study of Gender, Class, and Political Issues in German Texts	
GWS 192	Latin American Women Writers in Translation	
GWS 204	Gender and Popular Culture	
GWS 211	Sex and Gender in the Ancient World	
GWS 244	Women in Russian Literature	
GWS 245	Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Literature	
GWS 247	Women and Literature	
GWS 255	Introduction to Middle East and Muslim Feminisms	
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 294	Topics in Gender and Women's Studies [f]	
GWS 304	Gender and Communcation	
GWS 311	Gender and Sexuality in Early Christianity and Judaism	
GWS 344	Gender Theory	
GWS 347	Gender and Sexuality in Literature	
GWS 406	Topics in Black Feminist and Queer Studies	
GWS 407	Advanced Seminar in Queer and Trans Studies	
GWS 439	Gender and Cultural Production	
GWS 449	Women and Film	
GWS 458	Asian America and Transnational Feminism	
GWS 462	AIDS, Politics and Culture	
GWS 469	Women's Literary Traditions	
Science, Health, and the Body		
GWS 205	Disability, Race, Class and Gender	
GWS 238	Biology of Women	
GWS 262	Constructions of Gender, Race, Health, and Human Rights	
GWS 294	Topics in Gender and Women's Studies [f]	
GWS 315	Psychology of Women and Gender	
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 248	Afro Asian Solidarities	
GWS 259	Women and Gender in American History	
GWS 262	Constructions of Gender, Race, Health, and Human Rights	
GWS 275	Gender in Latin America	
GWS 276	Latinas in the United States	
GWS 294	Topics in Gender and Women's Studies [f]	
GWS 356	Constitutional Law: Women, Gender and Privacy	
GWS 406	Topics in Black Feminist and Queer Studies	
GWS 409	Women and Gender in the Middle East	
GWS 424	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
GWS 425	Sociology of Gender	
GWS 428	Asian/Asian American Women in the Global Economy	
GWS 455	Advanced Seminar in Feminism and Justice	
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 203	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies	
GWS 204	Gender and Popular Culture	
GWS 211	Sex and Gender in the Ancient World	
GWS 224	Gender and Society	
GWS 232	Sex Roles: Moral and Political Issues	
GWS 245	Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Literature	
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 294	Topics in Gender and Women's Studies [f]	
GWS 304	Gender and Communcation	
GWS 311	Gender and Sexuality in Early Christianity and Judaism	
GWS 345	Queer Theory	
GWS 347	Gender and Sexuality in Literature	
GWS 403	Queer Histories	
GWS 407	Advanced Seminar in Queer and Trans Studies	
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**

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 *section of the catalog to determine if any of the courses on these lists are approved General Education courses.*

f *GWS 294 can fulfill various categories depending on the topic offered. Students should work with their academic advisor to determine which category GWS 294 fulfills in a given semester.*

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

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
Quantitative Reasoning [a]		3-5
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
	Hours	**13-17**
Spring Semester		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
GWS 101 or GWS 102	Gender in Everyday Life [b] or Global Perspectives on Women and Gender	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
General Education Requirement course		3
	Hours	**16-18**
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
GWS 101 or GWS 102	Gender in Everyday Life [b] or Global Perspectives on Women and Gender	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
	Hours	**16-18**
Spring Semester		
GWS 292	History and Theories of Feminism	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		3-5
	Hours	**16-18**
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
GWS Distribution course		3
GWS Elective		2-3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		6-9
	Hours	**14-18**
Spring Semester		
GWS Distribution course		3
GWS Elective		3
Electives		9
	Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
GWS Distribution course		3
GWS Elective		3
Electives		9
	Hours	**15**
Spring Semester		
GWS 390	Feminism and Social Change	3
GWS Elective		3
Electives		9
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours	**120**

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 General Education requirement.*