

# WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES, M.A.

The interdisciplinary M.A. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies requires 36 credit hours and prepares graduates for professional employment and for further study. All students take 9 credits of required theory courses, 6 credits of capstone experience, and 21 credits of additional course work appropriate to their plan of study. Course options may include a component of professional skills development to prepare students for immediate employment in non-faculty positions in education, in non-profit organizations, government, or business. Students may also develop a plan of study leading to the pursuit of doctoral degrees in women's and gender studies or other professional degrees for employment in such diverse areas as counseling, university teaching, the arts, and business.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions (<https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/guide/>).

In addition to the application materials required by The Graduate School, applicants must submit:

- A statement of purpose explaining how the WGS M.A. program aligns with their personal, academic, and/or professional experience and goals.
- An academic writing sample such as a research paper from an academic course.

If applying for an assistantship or other funding, applicants must also submit an academic and professional resume or CV (curriculum vitae).

M.A. students in WGS may apply for concurrent study in a graduate certificate program in such fields as Non-Profit Management or African-American Studies.

## Degree Program Requirements

**Required:** 36 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Core Courses (9 credits)</b>		
WGS 650	Feminist Theory: Intersections of Gender, Race and Class	3
WGS 651	Feminist Research Analysis	3
Select one course (3 credits) from the following:		
CST 659	Communication and Gender	3
ELC 680	Transnational and Postcolonial Feminist Perspectives	3
ENG 688	Women's Rhetoric and Feminist Pedagogy	3
WGS 530	Critical Sexuality Studies and Queer Theory	3
<b>Individualized Plan of Study (21 credits)</b>		
Select a minimum of 9 credits from courses constituting a concentrated area of study <sup>1</sup>		9
Select 12 credits from courses approved for WGS credit <sup>2</sup>		12
<b>Capstone Experience (6 credits)</b>		
Select one option (6 credits) from the following:		6
<i>Thesis Option</i>		

WGS 699	Thesis	
<i>Internship Option</i>		
WGS 601	Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Internship	
WGS 602	Internship Seminar <sup>3</sup>	
Total Credit Hours		36

- <sup>1</sup> That reflects the student's goals and interests.
- <sup>2</sup> Or from other graduate offerings consistent with the student's plan of study.
- <sup>3</sup> Must be taken concurrently with WGS 601.

## Individualized Plan of Study

The proposed plan of study must be approved by the WGS Graduate Advisor (Graduate Program Director). These courses may be selected from those carrying a WGS marker or appropriate courses in relevant fields.

## Representative Courses Approved for WGS Credit

Consult advisor for additional options. Students may not double-count courses taken to fulfill requirements.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
WGS 530	Critical Sexuality Studies and Queer Theory	3
WGS 600	Independent Study	3-6
WGS 601	Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Internship	3
WGS 602	Internship Seminar	3
WGS 706	Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies	3
ADS 650	Topics in African American Gender Studies	3
CST 659	Communication and Gender	3
ELC 609	Epistemology and Education	3
ELC 662	Power, Politics, and Schools	3
ELC 664	Introduction to Qualitative Inquiry: A Social Justice Approach	3
ELC 670	Leadership for Teaching and Learning	3
ELC 688	Contemporary Problems Seminar	1-3
ELC 700	Critical Perspectives in Education, Leadership, and Culture	3
ERM 604	Methods of Educational Research	3
HEA 662	Gender and Health	3
HEA 665	Violence and Public Health	3
HIS 551	Gender and History: Selected Topics	3
KIN 630	Sport and Society: Social Inequalities	3
MAS 620	Human Nature and Society	3

## Possible Additional Courses, Depending on Plan of Study

Consult advisor for additional options.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Business Administration</b>		
MBA 701	Quantitative Analysis for Decision Making	3
MBA 702	Financial and Managerial Accounting	3
MBA 703	Economic Policies and Impact on Global Outcomes	3

MBA 706	Marketing Management	3
CST 630	Communication, Organization, and Democracy	3
<b>Dance</b>		
DCE 667	The Dancer's Body	3
<b>Educational Research Methodology</b>		
ERM 604	Methods of Educational Research	3
<b>History</b>		
HIS 502	African American History: Selected Topics	3
HIS/IAR 626	The Practice of Public History	3
HIS 713	African Americans after Slavery	3
<b>Library and Information Studies</b>		
LIS 636	Website Production and Usability for Librarians	3
<b>Peace and Conflict Studies</b>		
PCS 600	Transforming Conflict: Histories and Theories	3
PCS 601	Indigenous Peace Practices	3
PCS 610	Transitional Justice	3
<b>Philosophy</b>		
PHI 620	Ethics and Genetics	3
<b>Political Science</b>		
PSC 540	Nonprofit Management and Leadership	3
<b>Public Health</b>		
HEA 601	Foundations of Public Health	3
HEA 602	Epidemiology Methods	3
HEA 603	Community Health Analysis	3
HEA 612	Management of Community Health Organizations	3
HEA 640	Global Health Issues	3
HEA 645	Health Policy	3
HEA 676	Problems Seminar	3

## Accelerated B.A. to M.A. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

### Application and Admission

Undergraduate students at UNC Greensboro may apply for admission to the Accelerated Master's Program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5, based on at least 30 credit hours earned at UNC Greensboro is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 credits and may not apply for admission to the AMP before the first semester of the junior year.

All applicants must complete the Accelerated Master's Program information as part of the application for admission to the M.A. program.

Standardized entrance exams (GRE or MAT) are optional for AMP students, although they may be useful in future applications for graduate fellowships.

Applications to the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program require the following additional items: a statement of purpose; an academic writing sample; and a resume.

### Courses

The M.A. degree requires 36 credit hours of graduate-level course work. AMP students may apply a maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level course work toward completion of both the undergraduate and the graduate degrees, provided that they earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in each graduate course and fulfill graduate-level requirements. No more

than 9 credits at the 500 level may be counted toward the M.A. degree. Please see the University Catalog for a full description of the M.A. degree requirements.

The following courses may be counted toward both the B.A. and the M.A. degrees. All courses leading to the completion of the M.A. degree must be approved by the WGS Graduate Program Director.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
WGS 650	Feminist Theory: Intersections of Gender, Race and Class	3
WGS 651	Feminist Research Analysis	3
Select up to two courses from the following: *		6
WGS 530	Critical Sexuality Studies and Queer Theory	
CST 621	African American Culture and Identity	
ENG 688	Women's Rhetoric and Feminist Pedagogy	
HIS 551	Gender and History: Selected Topics	

\* *In consultation with the Graduate Advisor.*