

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies requires 18 credit hours and prepares graduates for interdisciplinary teaching; careers in nonprofit, governmental, and corporate settings; and entry into professional degree programs in such fields as law, child development, and public health. The program combines core courses, elective courses, independent study, and/or internship integrating theory and practice.

Certificate requirements must be completed within five academic years. At least 9 credits of coursework must be at the 600 level or above. Courses fulfilling the certificate program may be used to meet the requirements in a degree program in accordance with the policies of The Graduate School.

Curriculum requirements consist of 6 credits of required core courses and 12 credits of electives. Students enrolled in a graduate degree program must take at least 3 credits of WGS certificate coursework outside the degree-granting department.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

In addition to the application materials required by The Graduate School, applicants submit a **statement of purpose** explaining how the certificate program aligns with their personal, academic, and/or professional experience and goals. No standardized tests (GRE, MAT) are required; certificate program applicants who are also applying to a graduate program (e.g. a M.A. or Ph.D.) should consult the degree-granting department for admission test requirements. Certificate applicants may hold a baccalaureate degree in any field.

Certificate Requirements

Required: 18 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core Courses		6
WGS 650	Feminist Theory: Intersections of Gender, Race and Class	
WGS 651	Feminist Research Analysis	
Electives		12
Select a minimum of 12 credits chosen from WGS-approved courses (those with WGS markers)		

Required Core Courses

The following courses may be taken in substitution for WGS 650 Feminist Theory: Intersections of Gender, Race and Class with prior permission of the WGS graduate advisor (Director of Graduate Study). These courses may also serve as electives.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CST 659	Communication and Gendered Communities	3
ELC 678	Feminist Theories and Education	3
ELC 680	Transnational and Postcolonial Feminist Perspectives	3
ENG 531	Feminist Theory and Women Writers	3
ENG 688	Women's Rhetoric and Feminist Pedagogy	3

Representative Courses Approved for WGS Credit

Minimum of 12 credits chosen from WGS-approved courses. The available courses vary from semester to semester, and current offerings are listed and described on the WGS website. All substitutions require prior approval by the WGS Graduate Advisor (Director of Graduate Study).

Code	Title	Credit Hours
WGS 530	Critical Sexuality Studies and Queer Theory	3
WGS 600	Independent Study	3-6
WGS 601	Women's and Gender 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
CED 574A	Contemporary Topics in Counseling: Counseling Women	3
CST 659	Communication and Gendered Communities	3
ELC 609	Epistemology and Education	3
ELC 664	Introduction to Qualitative Inquiry: A Social Justice Approach	3
ELC 698	Gender, Art, Politics, and Pedagogy	3
HEA 662	Gender and Health	3
HEA 665	Violence and Public Health	3
HIS 551	Gender and History: Selected Topics	3
KIN 532	Women in Sport and Physical Activity	3
KIN 630	Sport and Society: Social Inequalities	3
MAS 610	Culture and Ideas	3
MAS 620	Human Nature and Society *	3
TED 555	Multicultural Education	3

* When focus is on gender.