

## WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS

### REQUIRED COURSES

WMNS 301 Examining Women's Studies GE IVE (3 cr.)  
 WMNS 311 Discussion Supplement to WMNS 301 (1 cr.)  
 WMNS 305 Introduction to Feminist Theories (3 cr.)  
 WMNS 496 Capstone Seminar for Women's Studies (1-4 cr.)  
 The capstone experience may be a guided research project or an internship project but must pursue a critical women's studies question.  
Prior approval from the Women's Studies Coordinator required.

#### REMAINDER OF CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING CORE COURSES:

- Take at least one CORE course from each CLUSTER A and CLUSTER B
- 3 credits overall should be taken from the Women of color/Global CORE course offerings (marked with an \*asterisk)
- 12 credits should be earned from courses at the 300-400 level (required courses may be counted to meet this requirement)

CLUSTER A			CLUSTER B		
NRSG 265	Women's Health Issues GE V	3 cr.	ENGL 296	Images of Women in Contemporary Literature GE IVD	3 cr.
*ANTH 356	Women in Cross Cultural Perspective GE IIIA	3 cr.	*ENGL 332	Women in African Literature GE IVD	3 cr.
BIOL 309	Women in the Life Sciences GE II	2 cr.	ENGL 396	Studies in Women's Literature GE IVD	1-3 cr.
CJ 317	Women and the Mass Media GE IA	3 cr.	ENGL 496	Seminar in Women's Literature	3 cr.
ECON 337	Women in the Labor Market GE IIIB	3 cr.	HIST 205	American Women's History GE IVC	3 cr.
*ECON 357	Women and Economic Development GE IIIB	3 cr.	*HIST 385	The History of Middle Eastern Muslim Women GE IVC	3 cr.
MATH 363	Studies of Women in Mathematics GE V	3 cr.	HIST 394	Studies in the History of Women GE IVC	3 cr.
POLS 351	Women and Politics GE IIID	3 cr.	HIST 473	American Women to 1870 GE IVC	3 cr.
PSYC 336	Psychology of Women GE III	3 cr.	HIST 474	American Women since 1870 GE IVC	3 cr.
SOC 202	Sociology of Gender GE IIF	3 cr.	MUSI 306	Women in Music GE IVA	3 cr.
SOC 419	Sociology of Women GE IIIF	3 cr.	PHIL 377	Philosophy and Feminism GE IVB	3 cr.
WMNS 250	Feminist Research Methodologies	1 cr.	RELS 353	Emancipating Eve and Adam: The Women's Movement in Religion GE IVB	3 cr.
WMNS 310	Women and Violence GE III G	3 cr.	*RELS 355	Women and World Religions GE IVB	3 cr.
WMNS 375	Ecofeminism GE III	3 cr.	*SPAN 482	Women in Spanish American Literature	3 cr.
WMNS 431	Women and Communications GE IC	1-3 cr.	WMNS 100	U.S. Women's Experience: Gender, Race, & Class GE IVE	3 cr.
WMNS 432	Women and Science GE IIF	1-3 cr.	WMNS 210	Culture of Third Wave Feminism GE IV	3 cr.
WMNS 433	Women and Social Science GE IIIG	1-3 cr.	*WMNS 215	African American Feminism GE IV	3 cr.
WMNS 436	Education of Girls and Women in the U.S. GE V	2 cr.	WMNS 260	Masculinity Studies and Feminist Theories	1-3 cr.
WMNS 440	Lesbian Lives and Culture GE IIIG	3 cr.	WMNS 434	Women and Humanities GE IV	1-3 cr.
For more information and advising, contact the Women's Studies office, Brewer 55, 836.5717 or email RHOADEKA or GRAYJM@uwec.edu.			WMNS 447	Design and Domesticity GE IV	3 cr.
			WMNS 490	Feminist Analyses and Practices: Interdisciplinary Themes	3 cr.

An Interdisciplinary Minor in Women’s Studies

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**What is Women’s Studies?**

As an academic unit at UW-Eau Claire, the Women’s Studies program coordinates teaching, research and scholarship in the field of Women’s Studies. This is a unique academic program that incorporates praxis-practice that is informed by theory and gendered analyses. Women’s Studies is a discipline in its own right yet operates most often in multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary modes. Enacted as a discipline, Women’s Studies is a site of social change/activism as much as theory; therefore the program supports and incorporates the following theoretical approaches to Women’s Studies courses:

- They are taught with feminist pedagogical techniques and from a feminist theoretical perspective;
- They integrate theory with activism whenever possible; and
- They advocate for gender justice both on campus and in the larger community.

Though other offices advocate for gender justice on campus, WMNS currently serves as an identifiable center for focused concern about issues of climate affecting women students, faculty and staff at UWEC. In addition, WMNS actively fosters interaction with surrounding communities.

**Women’s Studies Minor Requirements**

*24 total credits for minor*

**Required Courses**

- WMNS 301.....3cr  
Examining Women’s Studies
- WMNS 311.....1cr  
Discussion Supplement to WMNS 301
- WMNS 305.....3cr  
Introduction to Feminist Theories (Prereq: WMNS 301)

**Critical Research Project (1-4cr) WMNS 496**

The critical research project is a capstone experience, which may be a guided research project or an internship project but must pursue a critical women’s studies question. Research projects may be chosen under WMNS 496 or from existing departmental directed studies options.

**In addition to the specific courses that are required, additional requirements include:**

- Students should take at least one course from column A and one course from column B (which may be found on the backside of this sheet)
- 12 of the 24 credits should be at the 300-400 level
- 3 credits should be taken from the Women Of Color/Global course offerings (marked with \*)

**Objectives of the Women’s Studies Minor**

The teaching and learning process in Women’s Studies is centered on inter-disciplinary research, collaboration, and services. Outreach and action projects are integral parts of this process. Interaction with the world tests academic theory learned in courses work against the realities of women’s lives. The Women’s Studies paradigm thus incorporates teaching, research, and service as necessary components to developing curriculum and extending frontiers of knowledge in an evolving interdisciplinary field and a changing world.

**Career Paths**

The Woman’s Studies Minor is designed to complement a student’s major, with practical applications for a wide variety of professional fields or graduate study. Issues relating to women’s roles and needs are surfacing within government, service professions, science fields, industry, and academic institutions. The Minor prepares students to engage their talents as contributors and leaders in a variety of work settings. They benefit from the program’s emphasis on critical analysis across disciplinary boundaries and from practical applications that test theoretical Constructs. Each student’s special interests and skills shape the design of an individual Minor program.

*To find additional information about the Women’s Studies program, please visit us on the web at:*