



Certificate in Women's Studies

The undergraduate Certificate in Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary academic program focusing on women, gender, and sexuality. Women's studies (WOMNST) courses and cross-listed courses in various departments across the University provide opportunities for women and men to broaden their understandings of the changing role of gender in the United States and globally. Students who want to explore the intersection of gender with race, class, ethnicity, ability, and sexual orientation will find courses of interest, as will students who want to know more about the role of women in history, literature and the arts, media, and science. Students who plan careers in medicine, the creative arts, social work, education, counseling, law, therapy, and business find that women's studies enhances their professional activities.

The Women's Studies Program offers an 18-credit certificate. Transfer courses will be accepted on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of two courses. A cumulative quality point average of 2.0 is required in courses applying to the certificate. You will need to fill out two forms:

The Undergraduate Certificate Application Form should be filed with the women's studies undergraduate advisor as early as possible and no later than the semester prior to graduation. The form is available online and at the women's studies office.

The Undergraduate Academic Program Change Form should be filed with the appropriate dean's office as early as possible and no later than the semester prior to graduation. The form is available in the women's studies office.

Please visit or call our office for further information:
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Certificate Requirements

The certificate is recorded on the student's transcript. All certificate students are expected to meet at least once a year with the women's studies faculty advisor to update files and discuss what courses are needed to fulfill certificate requirements. Students are required to take two introductory core courses in women's studies, three elective courses from at least two different academic departments selected from the list of courses approved for women's studies credit (consult the Web site for current listings), and one advanced women's studies interdisciplinary course.

Core Courses

6 credits OR two courses (Preferably to be completed early in the student's academic program)

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| WOMNST 0100 | Introduction to Women's Studies |
| WOMNST 0500 | Introduction to Feminist Theory |

Elective Courses

9 credits OR three courses

Consult www.pitt.edu/~wstudies/undergrad/courses.html for a full listing of approved courses. Three courses must be from at least two different academic departments, including such courses as:

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| ADMJ | 1242 | Gender, Race, Class, and Crime |
| AFRCNA | 0054 | Man/Woman Literature |
| ANTH | 1772 | Anthropology of Women |
| ENGCMP | 0203 | Seminar in Composition: Women's Studies |
| ENGLIT | 0610 | Women and Literature |
| ENGLIT | 0630 | Sexuality and Representation |
| FR | 1085 | Women's Voices in French Literature |
| HIST | 662 | Topics in Women's History |
| LEGLST | 1315 | Sex, Law, and Marriage |
| PSY | 0184 | Psychology of Gender |
| RELGST | 1620 | Women in Religion |
| RELGST | 1648 | Gender and the Jewish Tradition |
| SOC | 0446 | Sociology of Gender |
| SOC | 1365 | Race, Gender, and Development |

Either WOMNST 1900 Internship **or** WOMNST 1901 Independent Study may be used to meet one of these course requirements, but in this case, the two other courses must each be in different departments.

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WOMNST 1900 Women's Studies Internship

Provides students the opportunity to extend their academic training beyond the classroom. For more information about possible sites, please make an appointment with the women's studies undergraduate advisor. A proposal outlining the purpose of the internship and its relevance to women's studies is required. To be eligible for an internship, you must satisfy the following:

1. Must have completed 60 credits and be in good academic standing.
2. Must have completed at least four courses toward the women's studies certificate.
3. Internship must complement one's academic preparation.
4. Special permission from the women's studies undergraduate advisor is required.

WOMNST 1901 Independent Study

Provides students the opportunity to pursue an area of special interest beyond what is offered in the regular curriculum. A proposal outlining the purpose of the study, the relevance to women's studies, and a plan of study including bibliography and course products (papers, annotated bibliography, film presentation, etc.) must be approved by a professor who agrees to supervise the work. The proposal must be submitted to the women's studies undergraduate advisor prior to registering for the course. Requirements:

1. Must have two courses in women's studies and two courses in a discipline appropriate to the independent study.
2. Special permission from the women's studies undergraduate advisor is required.

Interdisciplinary Course

3 credits OR one course (WOMNST 0100 and WOMNST 0500 are prerequisites for these courses.)

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| WOMNST 1140 | Special Topics in Women's Studies |
| WOMNST 1150 | Global Feminisms |
| WOMNST 1160 | Special Topics in Gender, Race, and Class |
| WOMNST 1170 | Queer Theory |

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Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

For more information, contact:

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