WOMEN’S and GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM

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Description/Objective:

Women’s and Gender Studies at WSU is a multidisciplinary program that looks at the lives and experiences of women through many different disciplines—History, Art, Psychology, Economics, Literature, Sociology and Public Health, among others. Women’s and Gender Studies students explore the ways in which gender shapes women’s and men’s identities and experiences in national and global cultures. They also consider how cultural differences affect women’s lives within multicultural societies.

The Women’s and Gender Studies Program is committed to integrating classroom and community. Women’s Studies students apply feminist theories and analysis to current social issues and develop the skills necessary for citizenship through a field experience with a community organization or agency.

The Women’s and Gender Studies Program sponsors and coordinates campus opportunities and events that promote understanding and awareness of diverse perspectives and gender-related issues among WSU students, faculty and staff. The program centralizes information relevant to women’s and gender studies opportunities at WSU and provides students, faculty and staff convenient accesses to and use of that information.

Career Opportunities:

The Women's and Gender Studies minor provides students the opportunity to develop a clearer understanding of the lives and experiences of women, and the impact of gender differences on social development and experience. Women's and Gender Studies students explore the ways in which gender shapes women's and men's experiences in different national and global cultures and consider how cultural differences affect women's lives within multicultural societies. The minor in women’s and gender studies also develops among students and understanding of feminism both as a body of theory and an approach to social change. Through a combination of interdisciplinary Women's Gender Studies courses, courses in other departments, and a field experience, the Women's and Gender
Studies minor prepares students to assume roles as active citizens in addressing issues shaping women's lives.

Women’s and Gender Studies students major in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, nursing and business. They have a variety of interests and they belong to many other student organizations. Women’s and Gender Studies students go on to have careers in business, law, medicine, social services, and education, among others.

High School Background:

Specific high school courses are not required.

Women’s Studies Courses Approved for University Studies:

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First-year Sample Program:

Fall Semester
Intro to Women’s Studies (148) 3 credits
Major requirements/basic skills 9-12 credits

Spring Semester
Power, Privilege and Gender (220)
Major requirements/basic skills 9-12 credits