

WOMEN'S STUDIES - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences
 School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities
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About This Program

The Women's Studies minor affords vital inquiry into subjects inevitably more complex than they appear. The program reflects rich mergers of multidisciplinary traditions that arose and keep arising in the wake of women's centuries-long struggles. At the heart of women's studies are women's demands for recognition—as capable scholars hungry to know—about themselves, their untold histories, their currently silenced voices, often invisible lives. Read more...

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 - Kent Campus
 - Stark Campus

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Fully online
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus
 - Stark Campus

Examples of Possible Careers

- Support services for kids and families navigating gender and sexuality
- Support services for survivors of violence
- Women's health and well-being
- Work in any of the following fields: advocacy, art, business and industry, communications, counseling, education and training, film, law, medicine, poetry work, politics, public relations, reporting, social policy, theater, writing

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor's degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
WMST 20101	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES: TRADITIONS, TRAJECTORIES, TROUBLES	3

WMST 30001	ARENAS FOR FEMINIST THOUGHT: TOUCHY SUBJECTS, UNSETTLED MATTERS AND FEMINIST RESPONSE-ABILITY	3
WMST 30002 or WMST 44321	FEMINIST RESEARCH METHODS PIVOTAL PRAXIS: EXPERIMENTS IN ACTIONABLE FEMINISM	3
Facets of Women's Studies: A Commons for Study and Conversation Electives, choose from the following:		6
WMST 30002	FEMINIST RESEARCH METHODS	
WMST 30091	KEY CONVERSATIONS THROUGH WOMEN'S STUDIES (DIVD)	
WMST 30095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES	
WMST 30100	HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES	
WMST 30196	WOMEN STUDIES INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION	
WMST 30201	WITCHES: THE MONSTROUS FEMININE	
WMST 30202	FEMINIST HUMOR: DISARMING LAUGHTER, DISRUPTIVE DISCOURSE	
WMST 30301	REPRESENTATIONS OF WOMEN AND FEMINISM IN POPULAR CULTURE	
WMST 30302	GLOBAL FEMINISMS: A WORLD AND CENTURY OF WOMEN'S ACTIVISM	
WMST 32323	RAPE CULTURE: RETHINKING DANGER, POWER, SEX AND FEMINIST FRAMINGS	
WMST 40992	PRACTICUM IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (ELR)	
WMST 41199	CAPSTONE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (ELR)	
WMST 44321	PIVOTAL PRAXIS: EXPERIMENTS IN ACTIONABLE FEMINISM	
Cognate Elective: Inroads and Outroads, choose from the following:		3
AFS 33110	BLACK WOMEN, CULTURE AND SOCIETY: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES (DIVD)	
COMM 35912	GENDER AND COMMUNICATION (DIVD)	
CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
ENG 21002	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVD)	
ENG 33013	AFRICANA WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVG)	
ENG 34021	WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVD)	
GSS 40591	SEMINAR IN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES	
HDF 44022	CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN	
HED 44025	WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES	
HIST 31033	WITCHES AND EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1500-1800	
JWST 30100	JEWISH WOMEN IN THE MODERN WORLD	
PHIL 31040	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY (DIVD)	
POL 40470	WOMEN, POLITICS AND POLICY (DIVD)	
PSYC 40625	DEVELOPMENT OF GENDER ROLE AND IDENTITY (DIVD)	
SOC 42315	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (DIVD)	

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.

- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Acquire and employ new lenses of study into subjects and experiences and very names of "woman" or "women" in contexts wherein such a designation matters.
2. Employ new approaches to knowledge, new strategies of engagement with "others" as well as peers, new methods of research, new approaches to critical analysis and appraisal and new forms of praxis.
3. Converse – and become conversant – with multiple feminisms; divergent purposes; and the positions and directions of variant studies, histories and commentaries through aptly selected/ combined lenses and filters born of women's studies traditions.
4. Interrogate and be able to continually interrogate the expansive lexicon of sexed- and gendered-terms to which "woman" as a question and "man" as a given gave rise.
5. Deepen, expand and invigorate the "thought and theory" that inform the several key fields that continue to inform, challenge and shape the unstaid, unstill universe of women's studies (e.g., sex, gender, feminism, intersectionality, identity politics, sisterhood, womanism).
6. Understand and build skills to engage in both feminist *perspective-taking* and actual *praxis*: the techniques and tools of navigating difference, seeking transversals, meeting demands of fieldwork and attaining goals.

Full Description

The Women's Studies minor offers both diversity and depth of coursework, ranging from feminist humor to feminism as serious theory and world-making practice. Students can immerse themselves in experiential learning via internships and applied work.

Through inventive classes, facilitated engagement in discussion and carefully crafted opportunities for guided independent work, the minor embraces a logic of study initiated from many start-points; grounded in cores of feminist thought, substance and practice; enriched by multiple disciplines and capped by challenge.

The minor's curriculum aims to satisfy students' desire for both a solid foundation in women's studies and a taste of the diverse, complex and often contentious field. The minor's aim is to deliver coursework that speaks to students' very specific scholarly interests as well as to their passions and persuasions, both personal and political.