

Women's Studies Certificate Program

Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program that explores knowledge about women's lives and experiences both historically and in contemporary societies. Women's Studies courses analyze the contributions and importance of women in the development of human societies and bodies of knowledge, and challenge the errors of omission in traditional disciplines. Women's Studies combines an emphasis on intellectual development with practical knowledge that prepares students to use their education to lead effective lives in the world. We define education broadly, to include coursework, internships, and service learning, as well as preparation for professional work or further education.

The credit certificate program consists of a cluster of credit courses that are part of the regular curriculum offered at a UW Colleges campus.

Required Women's Studies Courses

The Women's Studies Certificate requires a minimum of 15 credits earned with a grade of C or better. A maximum of 3 credits can be transferred from institutions outside the UW Colleges.

Women's Studies	Grade	Credit
Introduction to Women's Studies 101	_____	(3)_____

A combination of 12 additional credits from the cross-listed courses offered in the Women's Studies Program, with at least one course from category I and II.

Humanities Category I (Choose at least one course)

WOM 202/Phi 202	Feminist Philosophy	_____	
WOM 279/Eng 279	Women in Literature	_____	(3)_____

Social Sciences Category II (Choose at least one course)

WOM 138/ Soc 138	Sociological Perspectives on Gender Roles	_____	
WOM 208/ PSY 208	Psychology of Gender	_____	
WOM 231/ POL 231	Feminism, Equality, and Public Policy	_____	
WOM 250/ ANT 250	Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective	_____	
WOM 280/HIS 279	Women in History	_____	(3)_____

Additional credits may be taken from the following courses:

WOM 299	Independent Study in Women's Studies	_____	(1-3)_____
WOM 291	Selected Topics in Women's Studies*	_____	(1-3)_____

The following courses could be substituted for WOM 291

ZOO 291	The Biology of Women	_____	(1-3)_____
PED 291	Women's Health	_____	(1-3)_____
COM 291	Images of Women in Theater	_____	(1-3)_____

Students may also earn credits toward the certificate from any course in a department that is offered for Women's Studies credit on a one-time basis, for example, when ART 187 is offered with a focus on Feminist Art.

Careers in Women's Studies:

Women's Studies provides students with important background preparation to work in settings such as counseling, business, communications, public and community service, advocacy work, work for non-profit organizations, public health, and law. Such careers may include domestic abuse or welfare rights advocacy, family counseling, sexual assault counseling, health care, human resources and public relations.

The Women's Studies certificate will give students a focus on issues concerning women and gender within a variety of academic disciplines. It can give cohesion to a student's electives within the AAS degree, lead students to a specialization in the area of women's studies for some employment purposes, or prepare them for a major or a minor in Women's Studies at other UW institutions.

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