

Women's Studies Program

The College of Education and Human Development and the Women's Studies Institute offer a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree and a minor in Women's Studies.

Honors in Women's Studies

Students whose grade point average in Women's Studies major coursework before the start of their final year at UTSA is 3.25 or above, and whose overall grade point average is 3.00, may earn Honors in Women's Studies. Students must complete 6 semester credit hours of WS 4993 Honors Thesis, complete a substantial research paper approved by the Women's Studies Program Scholarship and Honors Committee, and maintain a 3.25 grade point average in the major. The grade point average requirements apply to all transfer work as well as all courses taken at UTSA. Students are advised to consult with the Undergraduate Advisor of Record for the Women's Studies Program regarding requirements and appropriate deadlines.

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women's Studies

The major in Women's Studies provides students with the opportunity to examine the social, historical, political, and cultural experiences of women and men from an interdisciplinary perspective. Emphasis on cross-disciplinary research methods enables students to pursue a theoretically-informed understanding of women and issues of gender and sexuality in diverse U.S. and global cultures and across time.

The minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree, including the Core Curriculum requirements, is 120. Thirty-nine of the total semester credit hours required for the degree must be at the upper-division level.

All candidates seeking this degree must fulfill the Core Curriculum requirements and the degree requirements, which are listed below.

Core Curriculum Requirements (42 semester credit hours)

Students seeking the B.A. degree in Women's Studies must fulfill University Core Curriculum requirements in the same manner as other students. If courses are taken to satisfy both degree and Core Curriculum requirements, then students may need to take additional courses in order to meet the minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree.

Core Curriculum Component Area Requirements (<http://catalog.utsa.edu/undergraduate/bachelorsdegreeregulations/degreerequirements/corecurriculumcomponentarearequirements>)

First Year Experience Requirement	3
Communication	6
Mathematics	3
Life and Physical Sciences	6
Language, Philosophy and Culture	3
Creative Arts	3
American History	6

Government-Political Science	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Component Area Option	3
Total Credit Hours	42

Degree Requirements

A. Major courses

1. Required courses

WS 2013	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WS 3613	Feminist Research Methodologies	3
WS 4623	Feminist Theories	3
WS 4933	Internship in Women's Studies	3
WS 4973	Seminar in Women's Studies	3

2. Select 1 course from the Globalization and Borderlands group below

3. Select 1 course from the Culture and Society group below

B. Groups

Select eight courses from at least two of the following groups: 24

Theory and Methods

ENG 4393	Feminist Theory of Literature
WS 3953	Special Topics in Women Writers
WS 4953	Special Topics in Women's Studies

Globalization and Borderlands

BBL 2023	Latino Cultural Expressions
GES 3653	Gender and Cities: An Introduction to Feminist Geography
WS 4863	Feminism and Globalization

Culture and Society

AMS 3443	Studies in Gender and Sexuality
ANT 3603	Sex, Gender, and Culture
BBL 3023	Mexican American Culture
BBL 3043	Social Psychological Considerations in Mexican American Communities
BIO 2003	Biology of Human Reproduction
CRJ 4463	Gender and Crime
ENG 3133	Women and Literature
HIS 3043	History of Women in the United States: Pre-Columbus to 1890
HIS 3053	History of Women in the United States: Since 1890
HIS 3963	Women and Gender in India
HTH 3023	Survey of Human Sexuality
IDS 2113	Society and Social Issues
MAS 2013	Introduction to Chicano(a) Studies
POL 3183	Women in Politics
PSY 3303	Psychological Perspectives on Gender
PSY 4193	Relationships
SOC 3163	Families in Society
SOC 3263	Latinas in U.S. Society
SOC 3283	Poverty
SOC 3293	Sociology of Gender
SOC 3413	Sociology of the Mexican American Community
WS 2023	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies
WS 4913	Independent Study

WS 4993	Honors Thesis	
C. Electives		
Select 33 semester credit hours of free electives, some of which may need be upper-division, depending on the student's course selections in Section B. Students are advised to consult with their Major Advisor to verify that they will meet the 39 upper-division hours required for the B.A. degree in Women's Studies.		33
Total Credit Hours		78

B.A. in Women's Studies – Recommended Four-Year Academic Plan

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
AIS 1203	Academic Inquiry and Scholarship (core)	3
HIS 1043 or HIS 1053 or HIS 2053	United States History: Pre-Columbus to Civil War Era (core) or United States History: Civil War Era to Present or Texas History	3
POL 1013	Introduction to American Politics (core)	3
WRC 1013	Freshman Composition I (Q) (core)	3
Mathematics core		3
Credit Hours		15

Spring

HIS 1043 or HIS 1053 or HIS 2053	United States History: Pre-Columbus to Civil War Era (core) or United States History: Civil War Era to Present or Texas History	3
POL 1133 or POL 1213	Texas Politics and Society (core) or Civil Rights in Texas and America	3
WRC 1023	Freshman Composition II (Q) (core)	3
Free elective		3
Life & Physical Sciences core		3
Credit Hours		15

Second Year

Fall		Credit Hours
WS 2013	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
Free elective		3
Free elective		3
Language, Philosophy & Culture core		3
Life & Physical Sciences core		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		Credit Hours
Culture and Society group		3
Free elective		3
Globalization and Borderlands group		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences core		3
Component Area Option core		3
Credit Hours		15

Third Year

Fall		Credit Hours
WS 3613	Feminist Research Methodologies	3
Free elective		3
Subject Group elective		3
Subject Group elective		3
Creative Arts core		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		Credit Hours
WS 4623	Feminist Theories	3
Free elective		3
Subject Group elective		3
Subject Group elective		3
Upper-division free elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall		Credit Hours
WS 4973	Seminar in Women's Studies	3
Free elective		3
Free elective		3
Subject Group elective		3
Subject Group elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		Credit Hours
WS 4933	Internship in Women's Studies	3
Free elective		3
Subject Group elective		3
Subject Group elective		3
Upper-division free elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		120

Minor in Women's Studies

All students pursuing a Minor in Women's Studies (WS) are required to complete 18 semester credit hours (6 of which must be upper division, 3000-4000 level).

A. Required Courses

WS 2013	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WS 4623	Feminist Theories	3

B. Additional coursework

Select four of the following, in at least two disciplines other than the student's major: 12

AMS 3443	Studies in Gender and Sexuality	
ANT 3603	Sex, Gender, and Culture	
BBL 2023	Latino Cultural Expressions	
BBL 3023	Mexican American Culture	
BBL 3043	Social Psychological Considerations in Mexican American Communities	
BIO 2003	Biology of Human Reproduction	
CLA 3123	Cultural Issues in Classical Antiquity	
CRJ 4403	Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice	
CRJ 4463	Gender and Crime	

ENG 3133	Women and Literature
ENG 4393	Feminist Theory of Literature
HIS 3043	History of Women in the United States: Pre-Columbus to 1890
HIS 3053	History of Women in the United States: Since 1890
HIS 3963	Women and Gender in India
HTH 4523	Understanding Human Sexuality
IDS 2113	Society and Social Issues
MAS 2013	Introduction to Chicano(a) Studies
POL 3183	Women in Politics
PSY 3303	Psychological Perspectives on Gender
PSY 4193	Relationships
SOC 3163	Families in Society
SOC 3283	Poverty
SOC 3293	Sociology of Gender
SOC 3413	Sociology of the Mexican American Community
WS 2023	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies
WS 3613	Feminist Research Methodologies
WS 3953	Special Topics in Women Writers
WS 4863	Feminism and Globalization
WS 4913	Independent Study
WS 4933	Internship in Women's Studies
WS 4953	Special Topics in Women's Studies
Total Credit Hours	
18	

Note: Please consult the Women's Studies Institute for a complete list of courses that fulfill the WS minor.

To declare a Minor in Women's Studies, obtain advice, obtain lists of relevant courses, or seek approval of substitutions for course requirements, students should consult their academic advisor.

Women's Studies (WS) Courses

WS 2013. Introduction to Women's Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course introduces students to core concepts and frameworks in women's, gender, and sexuality studies, using interdisciplinary and cross-cultural approaches. Women and gender are studied as socially constructed categories created through institutions such as culture, the law, the media, and globalization. The course will provide students with the tools of critical feminist inquiry to assess how women's lived experiences are shaped by such categories as race, ethnicity, class, nationality, sexuality, and disability. Students will examine theories and analytical concepts that emerge from specific historical periods and social movements. May be applied toward the Core Curriculum requirement in Language, Philosophy and Culture. (Formerly WGS 2013. Credit cannot be earned for both WS 2013 and WGS 2013.) Generally offered: Fall, Spring, Summer. Course Fees: LRC1 \$12; LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 2023. Introduction to LGBTQ Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This interdisciplinary course introduces concepts and theories within LGBTQ Studies. Topics include issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities. The central focus is to examine, challenge, and destabilize normative conceptualizations and representations of gender and sexuality. This class emphasizes different aspects of LGBTQ studies including history, queer theory, popular culture, media, and literature. Course work centers on complicating notions of queer identity through intersections of race, class, gender, and globalization. May not be repeated for credit. May be applied toward the Core Curriculum requirement in Language, Philosophy and Culture. Course Fees: LRC1 \$12; LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 3613. Feminist Research Methodologies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Rigorous examination of the theory, application, and ethical and epistemological concerns of feminist research. What does it mean to "research as a feminist"? Are there particular ways of producing knowledge as women? Investigating women's issues within and across a range of traditional disciplines—history, arts, humanities, sciences, education, health, economics, law, etc.—the course will engage issues of researcher-subject relationships, representation, and value-driven research, to respond to dominant theories of knowledge production. Generally offered: Spring. Course Fees: LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 3953. Special Topics in Women Writers. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines women's texts with special attention to understanding gender as a category of analysis. Variable topics may include women in the sciences, women and technology, literary and cultural representations, women and business, historical and political change, questions of class and nation, queer or transgender theories, or medical and health experiences. This class may emphasize the importance of intersecting categories of analysis including gender, race, ethnicity, and sexuality. May be repeated for credit when topics vary. (Formerly WGS 4853 and WS 4853.) Generally offered: Spring. Course Fees: LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 4623. Feminist Theories. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course will introduce multidisciplinary explorations of theorists' attempts to describe, explain, and critique social institutions. Students will examine theoretical positions on gender and women in the study of the humanities and/or social sciences. Topics may include the ways in which women have been represented in cultural production with special consideration of race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, and nationalism. May be repeated for credit only once when topics vary, but no more than 6 semester credit hours of WS 4623, regardless of cross-listed courses and disciplines, will apply to a bachelor's degree. (Formerly WGS 4623. Credit cannot be earned for both WS 4623 and WGS 4623.) Course Fees: LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 4863. Feminism and Globalization. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Theoretical, historical, and empirical analysis of how current processes of globalization are transforming the actual conditions of women's lives, labor, gender ideologies, and politics in complex and contradictory ways. Topics include feminist exploration of colonialism, capitalism, economic restructuring policies, and resistance in consumer and environmental movements. Generally offered: Fall, Spring. Course Fees: LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 4913. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Permission in writing (form available) from the instructor, the student's advisor, the Department Chair, and Dean of the College with which the instructor is affiliated. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. A maximum of 3 semester credit hours of Independent Study in Women's Studies may be applied to the Minor in Women's Studies. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 6 semester credit hours of independent study, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor's degree. (Formerly WGS 4913.) Course Fees: LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 4933. Internship in Women's Studies. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Supervised experience relevant to Women's Studies. May be repeated once for credit, but no more than 3 semester credit hours will apply to the Women's Studies major. (Formerly WGS 4933.) Generally offered: Fall, Spring. Course Fees: LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 4953. Special Topics in Women's Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course offers an examination of an individual topic or set of issues in Women's Studies. May be repeated for credit when topics vary. (Formerly WS 3713.) Generally offered: Fall, Spring. Course Fees: LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 4973. Seminar in Women's Studies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: 12 upper-division semester credit hours in Women's Studies. This undergraduate seminar, limited to junior and senior Women's Studies majors and minors, offers the opportunity to study a special topic, issue, author, or period in Women's Studies. May be repeated once for credit when topics vary. Generally offered: Fall. Course Fees: LRH1 \$10; STSH \$15.

WS 4993. Honors Thesis. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Supervised research and preparation of an Honors Thesis for the purpose of earning Women's Studies Honors. May be repeated once with advisor approval. Course Fee: STSH \$15.