

## Requirements for the Women's and Gender Studies Concentration

Students who complete a Concentration in Women's and Gender Studies choose from many disciplines to complete their requirements and are encouraged to explore gender through the lens of multiple academic fields. The concentration includes a practicum—either an internship or an independent study—to provide students with professional preparation and opportunities to explore specific interests in greater depth.

Students should work closely with their advisors to select courses that support their personal and professional aspirations and to determine what form of practicum best suits their educational and career objectives.

Course	Credit Hours
<b>Gateway course (3 credits)</b>	
WGS 075/ENG 075/SCSS 075 - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
<b>Four WGS core courses from the following:* (Total: 12 Credits)</b>	
ART 112 - Women and Renaissance Art	3
EDUC 164 - Perspectives in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender	3
ENG 040 - Renaissance Women	3
ENG 042 - Approaches to American Literature, Pre-1900	3
ENG 066 - Reading Race and Ethnicity	3
ENG 077 - Reading Gender	3
ENG 086 - Reading and Writing Sexuality	3
ENG 088 - Reading and Writing about Social Class	3
ENG 112 - Reading and Writing Autobiography	3
ENG 124 – Topics* Offerings Include: Salem Witch Trials Victorian Secrets	3
ENG 125 - Advanced Topics in Culture and Identity*	3
ENG 126 – Women and Film	3
ENG 129 – Advanced Topics in Film*	3
ENG 131- Major Authors: Jane Austen	3
ENG 135 - Adolescent Literature	3
ENG 136 - Adolescence in American Fiction	3
ENG 137 - Gender and Horror	3
ENG 151 - Colonial American Literature	3
ENG 152 - American Literature to 1900	3
ENG 158 - Literature of South Africa	3
ENG 164 - Latino/a Literature	3
ENG 165 - Postcolonial Literature	3
ENG 174 - Theories of Language & Discourse	3
ENG 180 - Seminar in Literary Theory: Feminism	3
ENG 197 - Imagining Realities	3
HIST 015 - Intro to Historical Inquiry: Radicals & Reformers in Modern America	3
HIST 078 - Intro to Historical Inquiry: Greenwich Village & Harlem	3

HIST 099 - European Women's History	3
HIST 115 - Native America	3
HIST 156 - Sex, Power, and War in the Aztec Empire	3
HIST 170 - Women and Family in Modern China	3
HIST 172 - Women and Gender in Early America	3
HIST 173 - Women and Gender in Modern America	3
HIST 189 – The Borderlands	3
HIST 194 - Special Topics* History of Public Health and Medicine	3
HONR 192 - Space Matters	3
HONR 195 - Women and the Law	3
LEAD 199 – Special Topics in Leadership*	3
LPS 35 - Law and the Borders of Belonging	3
LPS 135 - Uncomfortable Transactions	3
LPS 135 - Critical Race and Feminist Theory	3
LPS 138 - Reproductive Law and Politics in the U.S.	3
LPS 146 - Urbanization and Social Justice	3
LPS 190 - Governing Through Crime	3
PHIL 091 - Contemporary Ethical Problems	3
POLS 109 - Human Trafficking	3
POLS 109 - Gender and War	3
POLS 109 - Women in Development	3
POLS 109 - Women, Peace, and Security	3
POLS 125 – Transitional Justice	3
POLS 127 - Global Health	3
POLS 176 - Gender and World Politics	3
POLS 177 – Gender and War	3
POLS 125 - Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Justice	3
PSY 137 - Psychology of Gender	3
REL 151 - Women and Hebrew Scriptures	3
REL 155 - Liberation & Feminist Theologies	3
SCSA 025 - Anthropology of Religion: Living Islam in Des Moines	3
SCSA 076 – Special Topics in Anthropology (lower division)*	3
SCSA 145 - Global Reproductive Politics	
SCSA 150 – Special Topics in Anthropology (upper division)*	3
SCSR 118 - Rhetoric of American Family	3
SCSR 120 - Rhetorics of Sex and Gender	3
SCSR 134 - Journal Editing	3
SCSR 134 – Special Topics in Rhetoric, Media, and Social Change*	3
SCSR 155 – Rhetorics of Space and Place	3
SCSS 020 - Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
SCSS 042 - Sociological Inquiry	3
SCSS 050 - Intimate Relations	3
SCSS 076 - Making Families Public	3
SCSS 076 - Sociology of Childhood	3
SCSS 076 - Inequality and Public Health	3
SCSS 076 - Drugs and Society	3

SCSS 077 - The Art of the Interview	3
SCSS 082 – Men, Masculinity, Movies	3
SCSS 150 – Special Topics in Sociology (Upper Division) Offerings Include: Race, Gender, and Poverty Women, Race, and Class Women and Work Constructing Normal Feminism, Nature, Matter New Materialist Feminisms Sociology of Education	3
SCSS 161 - Race and Ethnicity	3
SCSS 173 - Global Citizenship	3
SCSS 174 - Feminist Theories	3
SCSS 176 - Documenting Lives	3
SCSS 177 - Gender and Violence	3
SCSS 178 - Gender, Technology, Embodiment	3
SPAN 150 - Latin American Women of Influence	3
WGS 145 - Special Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies*	3
<b>Practicum** (Total: 3 Credits)</b>	
WGS 191 - Internship	3
<b>or</b>	
WGS 192 - Independent Study***	3
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>

Note about SCSR courses: Rhetoric, Media, and Social Change is now Rhetoric and Media Studies in the English Department. Courses will cross-list and have new numbers as changes go into effect across catalog years.

\*No more than six credit hours from any one discipline may count toward the completion of the WGS Core.

\*\* Prerequisites for both internships and independent studies include a minimum of nine credit hours completed toward the concentration with a minimum 3.0 GPA, junior or senior status, and approval of a Women’s and Gender Studies faculty advisor.

\*\*\* Students doing a capstone for their major or an Honors thesis that focuses on WGS-related topics can work with their WGS faculty advisor and the WGS Director to coordinate and streamline the courses.