WOMEN’S STUDY INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

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The Women’s Study Interdisciplinary Minor prepares individuals for the needs and opportunities of a changing world by building awareness of the range of human experience, potential, and accomplishment that place women and gender at the center of inquiry. Women’s studies transform disciplinary assumptions and theories, create innovative models for teaching and research, and develop practices for challenging systems of power and privilege.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program of study, students will demonstrate:

- Knowledge of academic disciplines from feminist and intersectional perspectives
- An understanding of the historic and contemporary contributions of women of all cultures
- Effective oral communication, writing, and research skills
- An increase in critical thinking, intellectual, and personal growth
- A critical ideological understanding regarding women and gender implicit in social institutions and structures

Potential Occupations

Contemporary career opportunities can be directly enhanced by students who have a women’s studies background. Students acquire jobs in the non-profit sector, such as international relief agencies, domestic violence agencies, homeless shelters, after school programs, and children and family services. Other fields our students have entered include public relations, counseling, union organizing, public policy and research, victim advocacy, and human/civil rights. In several areas such as journalism, communication, business, law, education, and human services, it is now common to choose a career that has a direct focus on women and gender.

In areas that have not traditionally focused on women and gender, an awareness of the history and culture of feminisms, women and the intersections of gender, race, class, and sexism can enhance a person’s ability to cope with dilemmas and issues related to gender and sex that arise in the workplace. In addition, students in women’s studies have the unique opportunity to apply insights from course work to their own lives, helping them make more informed choices about careers, education, relationships, and community participation.

Students interested in pursuing the Women’s Study Interdisciplinary Minor should contact the Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research (http://womensstudies.colostate.edu). Completion of requirements will be noted on the student’s permanent record.

Effective Spring 2015

Students must satisfactorily complete the total credits required for the minor. Minors and interdisciplinary minors require 12 or more upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits.

Additional coursework may be required due to prerequisites.

Students enrolled in the undergraduate Women’s Study Interdisciplinary Minor are required to earn a grade of C (2.000) or better in each course completed for undergraduate minor credit.

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<td>ETST 405</td>
<td>Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the U.S.</td>
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**Intersectionality of Race, Sexuality and Gender**

Select one of the following courses: 3 credits

- ANTH 338 Gender and Anthropology
- ETST 254 La Chicana in Society
- ETST 300 Queer Studies and Women of Color
- ETST 352 Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes
- SOWK 352 Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes
- ETST 411 Black Feminism(s)
- ETST 413 Queer Creative Expressions

**Elective Courses**

Select 9 credits from the following courses: 9 credits

- AM 550 Appearance, Self, and Society
- ANTH 338 Gender and Anthropology
- ANTH 520 Women, Health, and Culture
- E 330 Gender in World Literature
- E 331 Early Women Writers
- E 332 Modern Women Writers
- ECON 211 Gender in the Economy (GT-SS1)
- ETST 254 La Chicana in Society
- ETST 300 Queer Studies and Women of Color
- ETST 352 Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes
- SOWK 352 Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes
- ETST 411 Black Feminism(s)
- ETST 413 Queer Creative Expressions
- HIST 320 Women and Gender in Europe, 1450-1789
- HIST 358 American Women’s History to 1800
- HIST 359 American Women’s History Since 1800
- IE 470 Women and Development
- PHIL 353 Feminist Philosophies
- PSY 327 Psychology of Women
- PSY 437 Psychology of Gender
- SOC 450 Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice
- SPCM 335 Gender and Communication
- WS 397 Group Study
- WS 495 Independent Study

Program Total Credits: 21
Courses may not be used to satisfy both the "Intersectionality of Race, Sexuality, and Gender" and the "Elective Courses" categories. At least 6 of the 12 credits required for these course selections must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).