

MAJOR IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

The Women's and Gender Studies major prepares individuals for the needs and opportunities of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world by building awareness of the range of human experience, potential, and accomplishment that place women and gender at the center of inquiry.

Please visit the Center for Women's Studies & Gender Research (<https://womensstudies.colostate.edu/>) for more information.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of the program of study, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate mastery of knowledge of academic disciplines from feminist and intersectional perspectives.

2. Analyze historic and contemporary contributions of women of all cultures.
3. Demonstrate effective oral communication, writing, and research skills.
4. Implement critical thinking, writing, reading skills to their intellectual, professional, and personal lives.
5. Assess critical ideological understandings regarding women and gender implicit in social institutions and structures.

To change your major to Women's and Gender Studies, you can either call the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center at 970-491-3117 or send an email to cla_advising@colostate.edu. More information is available on <https://advising.libarts.colostate.edu>.

Requirements Effective Fall 2022

Students in the Women's and Gender Studies major must earn a minimum grade of C (2.000) for all WS and ETST courses required for the major.

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
ETST 100	Introduction to Ethnic Studies (GT-SS3)	1C	3
WS 200	Introduction to Women's Studies	3C	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	3
Historical Perspectives (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)		3D	3
Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitative-reasoning)		1B	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3C	3
Electives			6
Total Credits			30

Sophomore

Select two courses from the following:			6
ECON 211	Gender in the Economy (GT-SS1)	1C	
ETST 201	Introduction to Queer Studies		
ETST 254	La Chicana in Society		
WS 268	Whiteness, Gender, and Sexuality		
WS 269	Women of Color in the United States		
WS 270	Feminist Theory		
Advanced Writing (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)		2	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	4
Minor ¹			6

Electives			8
Total Credits			30
Junior			
Intersectional Electives (select 6 credits not taken elsewhere from the list below)			6
Women's and Gender Studies Program Electives (select 6 credits not taken elsewhere from list below)			6
Minor ¹			9
Electives			9
Total Credits			30
Senior			
ETST 305	Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the U.S.	4A,4B	3
WS 472	Seminar in Multiracial Decolonial Feminisms	4C	3
WS 487	Internship		3
Women's Studies and Gender Program Electives (select 9 credits not taken elsewhere from the list below)			9
Minor ¹			6
Electives ²			6
Total Credits			30
Program Total Credits:			120

¹ A second major will substitute for the required minor.

² Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).

Intersectional Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 338	Gender and Anthropology	3
ANTH 447	Gender Equity in Development	3
E 334	LGBTQ+ Literature	3
ETST 201	Introduction to Queer Studies	3
ETST 254	La Chicana in Society	3
ETST 300	Queer Studies and Women of Color	3
ETST 342	Queer Indigenous Studies	3
ETST 352/SOWK 352	Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes	3
ETST 354	Black Cinema and Media	3
ETST 411	Black Feminism(s)	3
ETST 413	Queer Creative Expressions	3
HIST 369	History of Sexuality in America	3
IE 470	Women and Development	3
LSPA 445	Women Writers in the Hispanic World	3
PHIL 353	Feminist Philosophies	3
PSY 327	Psychology of Women	3
PSY 437	Psychology of Gender	3
SOC 330	Social Inequality	3
WS 362/ETST 362	Indigenous Consciousness and Gender	3

Women's and Gender Studies Program Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 338	Gender and Anthropology	3
ANTH 416	Gender, Culture, and Health	3

ANTH 447	Gender Equity in Development	3
ART 314	Women in Art History	3
E 330	Gender in World Literature	3
E 331	Early Women Writers	3
E 332	Modern Women Writers	3
ETST 201	Introduction to Queer Studies	3
ETST 254	La Chicana in Society	3
ETST 300	Queer Studies and Women of Color	3
ETST 352/SOWK 352	Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes	3
ETST 411	Black Feminism(s)	3
ETST 413	Queer Creative Expressions	3
ETST 354	Black Cinema and Media	3
ETST 342	Queer Indigenous Studies	3
HIST 304	Women in Ancient Greece and Rome	3
HIST 312	Women in Medieval Europe	3
HIST 320	Women and Gender in Europe, 1450-1789	3
HIST 358	American Women's History to 1800	3
HIST 359	American Women's History Since 1800	3
HIST 369	History of Sexuality in America	3
LGEN 382/ETST 382	Italian Ethnic Identity, Culture, and Gender	3
LSPA 445	Women Writers in the Hispanic World	3
PHIL 353	Feminist Philosophies	3
PSY 327	Psychology of Women	3
PSY 437	Psychology of Gender	3
SPCM 320	Communication and Human Trafficking	3
SPCM 335	Gender and Communication	3
SOC 330	Social Inequality	3
SOC 333	Gender and Society	3
SOC 334	Sociology of Intersectionality	3
SOC 357	Women, Crime, and Victimization	3
WS 362/ETST 362	Indigenous Consciousness and Gender	3

WS 397	Group Study	3
WS 484	Supervised College Teaching	1-3
WS 487	Internship	1-12
WS 495	Independent Study	1-3

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program: Students in the Women's and Gender Studies major must earn a minimum grade of C (2.000) for all WS and ETST courses required for the major.

Freshman

Semester 1	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150 College Composition (GT-CO2)			1A	3
ETST 100 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (GT-SS3)	X		1C	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	3
Elective				3
Total Credits				15

Semester 2	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
WS 200 Introduction to Women's Studies			3C	3
Historical Perspectives (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)			3D	3
Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitativereasoning)	X		1B	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)			3C	3
Elective				3
CO 150 must be completed by the end of Semester 2.	X			
Total Credits				15

Sophomore

Semester 3	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Select two courses from the following:				6
ECON 211 Gender in the Economy (GT-SS1)			1C	
ETST 201 Introduction to Queer Studies				
ETST 254 La Chicana in Society				
WS 268 Whiteness, Gender, and Sexuality				
WS 269 Women of Color in the United States		X		
WS 270 Feminist Theory		X		
Minor				3
Electives				6
Total Credits				15

Semester 4	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Advanced Writing (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)			2	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	4
Minor				3
Elective				2
Total Credits				15

Junior

Semester 5	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Intersectional Elective (see list on Program Requirements tab)				3

Women's and Gender Studies Electives (see list on Program Requirements tab)					3
Minor					6
Elective					3
Total Credits					15
Semester 6		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Intersectional Electives (see list on Program Requirements tab)					3
Women's and Gender Studies Electives (see list on Program Requirements tab)					3
Minor					3
Elective					6
Total Credits					15
Senior					
Semester 7		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ETST 305	Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the U.S.	X		4A,4B	3
Women's and Gender Studies Electives (see list on Program Requirements tab)					6
Minor					3
Elective					3
Total Credits					15
Semester 8		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
WS 472	Seminar in Multiracial Decolonial Feminisms	X		4C	3
WS 487	Internship	X			3
Women's and Gender Studies Electives (see list on Program Requirements tab)		X			3
Minor		X			3
Elective		X			3
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.					
Total Credits					15
Program Total Credits:					120