

WOMEN'S STUDY INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

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The world is complex, interconnected, and interdependent, which complicates how we understand and relate to one another. That's why a Women's Study Interdisciplinary Minor is important. By exploring the way gender intersects with sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, ability, religion, and nationality, our students come to better understand personal and political identities, a critical component to understanding how power and privilege play out in work, politics, and culture.

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.

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.

Learning Objectives

Through courses in Anthropology, Art, Economics, English, Ethnic Studies, Psychology, Sociology, and other related fields that specifically focus on women and gender dynamics, students will:

1. Explore academic disciplines from a feminist and gender studies perspective;
2. Develop an appreciation of the historic and contemporary contributions of women and gender in culture;
3. Understand the ideological assumptions regarding women and gender implicit in social institutions;
4. Recognize how multiple systems of power and privilege intersect in our everyday lives; and
5. Acquire knowledge and skills necessary for physical, social, and emotional well-being.