

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Department Website (https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/womens_and_gender_studies/)

The Women's and Gender Studies Program at the University of South Carolina promotes understanding of the diverse array of women's experiences through a complete program of teaching, research, and service to the University, the local community, the state, and the nation. Through its research mission, women's and gender studies reconceptualizes knowledge, creates new knowledge, and reinterprets existing knowledge through the lens of gender and the prism of diversity. Its teaching mission is to share this knowledge with students so they learn to think critically, to communicate effectively, to solve problems, and to interpret human experience. Emerging from an activist tradition, women's and gender studies serves university, local, state, and national communities by acting as a resource and guide for issues related to women and gender. Our research, teaching, and service missions interweave as we create, share, and apply the knowledge, skills, and values that promote the full participation of women in society.

Certificate of Graduate Study in Women's and Gender Studies

The Certificate of Graduate Study in Women's and Gender Studies is open to the graduate student seeking an interdisciplinary program in women's and gender studies in addition to the master's or doctoral degree that the student is pursuing in a traditional discipline. The program is also intended for postbaccalaureate working professionals such as psychologists, social workers, nurses, librarians, and teachers who wish to obtain information and skills in women's and gender studies to aid them in their professions.

Admission

Applicants will need to submit a completed application together with official transcripts; a CV or resumé; two letters of recommendation; a Statement of Intent explaining their interest in Women's and Gender Studies and how it relates to their future plans; and a sample of your own scholarly writing, preferably on a Women's and Gender Studies topic. For more information, contact the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

Programs

- Women's and Gender Studies, Certificate (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-certificate/>)

Courses

WGST 515 - Race, Gender, and Graphic Novels (3 Credits)

Representations of race and gender in comics with a special emphasis on the experiences of African Americans.

Cross-listed course: AFAM 515, ENGL 515

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

WGST 535 - Ecofeminism (3 Credits)

An exploration of the connections between oppression of women and oppression of nature.

Prerequisites: 3 hours in philosophy beyond the 100 level.

Cross-listed course: PHIL 535

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

WGST 541 - Issues in Women's Health (3 Credits)

An exploration of women's health and health care concerns from multiple perspectives.

Cross-listed course: NURS 541

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

WGST 551 - Adolescent Mentoring (3 Credits)

Application of skills and theories of adolescent mentoring taught in the classroom to a supervised, structured mentoring field experience.

Cross-listed course: CRJU 551

Experiential Learning: Experiential Learning Opportunity

WGST 554 - Women, Gender, and Crime (3 Credits)

Impact of gender-based relations on crime and the criminal justice system.

Cross-listed course: CRJU 554

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

WGST 555 - Language and Gender (3 Credits)

Approaches to gender and language emphasizing the social grounding of both; how language reflects sociocultural values and is a tool for constructing different types of social organization.

Cross-listed course: ANTH 555, LING 541

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

WGST 598 - Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies (3 Credits)

Course content varies and will be announced in the schedule of courses by title. May be repeated as content varies by title.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

WGST 621 - Maternal and Child Health (3 Credits)

Public health issues, social and behavioral science, policies, programs, and services related to maternal and child health in the United States and other countries.

Cross-listed course: HPEB 621

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

WGST 627 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Health (3 Credits)

Health status and concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Includes an examination of measurement issues and methodological considerations in research, as well as intervention efforts targeting LGBT populations.

Cross-listed course: HPEB 627

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

WGST 701 - Feminist Theories and Epistemologies (3 Credits)

Examination of feminist theories and epistemologies from diverse disciplines and intellectual movements, providing an overview of historical developments in feminist discourse. Emphasis on debates surrounding such concepts as gender, identity, difference, power, and embodiment.

WGST 704 - Political Theory and Feminism (3 Credits)

How contemporary feminist theory has responded to and reformulated traditional theories about the role and nature of women.

Cross-listed course: POLI 704

WGST 705 - Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality (3 Credits)

Historical and contemporary dimensions of social inequality centered in race, social class, gender, and sexuality.

Cross-listed course: PSYC 751, SOCY 756

WGST 706 - Engendering Global Capitalism (3 Credits)

The origins of global capitalism, the nature of money and debt, the roles of gender, race and class in social formations, and the relationship between production and reproduction.

Cross-listed course: ANTH 706

WGST 708 - Women in American Politics (3 Credits)

Impact of gender in American politics; elections, representation, rights, social movements, legal institutions, and public policy. Explores class, race, and sexuality issues within gender.

Cross-listed course: POLI 708

WGST 709 - Women Explorers and Travelers (3 Credits)

Examines in geographical and historical contexts the activities of various women travelers and explorers.

Cross-listed course: GEOG 709

WGST 714 - Nutrition in Women's Health (3 Credits)

An examination of the particular nutritional needs of women through the life cycle with emphasis on disease prevention and how nutrition is related to a woman's health and wellness.

WGST 716 - Women's Studies Workshop (1 Credit)

Selected topics in women's studies that are grounded in community concerns with an emphasis on individual action-research. May be repeated for a total of 2 hours credit.

WGST 736 - Women, Work and Health: Global Perspectives (3 Credits)

Intersections of women's work and women's health in diverse social, cultural, economic, geographic, and political contexts.

Cross-listed course: NURS 736

WGST 737 - Topics in British Women Writers (3 Credits)

Selected topics related to works by British women authors from various periods, regions, or genres. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

WGST 738 - Topics in American Women Writers (3 Credits)

Selected topics related to works by American women authors from various periods, regions, or genres. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

WGST 750 - Psychology of Women (3 Credits)

Women's diversity explored through research on personality, stereotypes, status and power, biological aspects, socialization, sexuality, relationships, mothering, work and achievement, violence against women, psychological disorders, and feminist therapies.

Cross-listed course: PSYC 750

WGST 757 - African American Women in Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries (3 Credits)

This course will acquaint students with some of the secondary literature in African American women's history from the late nineteenth century through the twentieth century. The course examines the impact of race, gender, and class on the lives of black women and explores the historical relationship between African American women, work, family, community, and politics.

Cross-listed course: HIST 757

WGST 764 - History of American Women (3 Credits)

Selected research topics on the cultural, social, economic, and political roles and contributions of American women.

Cross-listed course: HIST 764

WGST 767 - Feminist Perspective in Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

Examines the application of feminist theories, concepts, and principles to social work practice. Assesses women's experiences in society and the impact of social, political, and economic structures. Investigates feminist interventions pertaining to individuals, families, organizations, communities, and the larger social environment.

WGST 772 - Gender and Culture (3 Credits)

Different cultures' ideas about gender and use of gender to organize social groups in a wide range of societies, including American subcultures.

Cross-listed course: ANTH 772

WGST 790 - Directed Reading and Research (1-3 Credits)

Directed research and reading in subjects to be individually assigned.

WGST 796 - Special Topics in Women's Studies (3 Credits)

A special topic focusing on an area within women's studies not usually covered in other graduate courses in women's studies.

WGST 797 - Seminar in Women's Studies (3 Credits)

A capstone seminar applying women's studies theories and methodologies to professional or discipline-based research projects.

Prerequisites: WGST 701.