

# BS IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

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Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

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Women's and Gender Studies

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**Type of Program Proposal:**

Major

**Program Change Type:**

Non-Substantive

**Title of the Program:**

BS in Women's and Gender Studies

**Designation: (degree terminology)**

Bachelor of Science

**Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:**

Several changes to the B.S. in Women's and Gender Studies are proposed to update the degree title, course codes, and include new proposed courses as electives for the major.

First, the departmental name change to Women's and Gender Studies has officially been approved by the University, so we would like to update the degree title to be B.S. in Women's and Gender Studies.

Second, the course code for the department is now WGS, so we need to update all of course codes for our existing courses.

Thirdly, three new courses are going through the curricular review process this year: WGS 140: Latinx Feminisms, WGS 175: Gender & Disability; and WGS 198: Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. These three courses need to be added as electives for WGS major. These three courses are intended to fill in gaps in our curriculum and expand the range of electives for our students. The courses reflect the areas of expertise of the junior faculty in our department.

Finally, the course number for HIST 172 (cross-listed with WGS 172) is currently in the process of being updated by the History Department to be HIST 172A, so we are making that minor update to the course number in our program requirements.

**Objectives of the degree program:**

Students graduating with a B.S. in Women's and Gender Studies will develop the following skills:

- 1) Explain the social production of gender and women's experiences as they intersect with sexuality, race, class, nationality, ability, and other categories of difference.
- 2) Discuss feminist writings and scholarship, including major trends in the discipline.
- 3) Apply feminist concepts and theories to examine power structures within social institutions, political projects, and personal experiences.
- 4) Demonstrate appreciation of individual and collective struggles for social justice in local, national, and global contexts.
- 5) Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.

**University Learning Goals****Undergraduate Learning Goals:**

Competence in the disciplines  
 Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world  
 Integrative learning  
 Personal and social responsibility  
 Intellectual and practical skills

**Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Do these changes impact the Smart Planner roadmap?**

No

**Catalog Description:**

**Units required for Major: 36**

**Total units required for BS: 120**

## Program Description

Women's and Gender Studies is a dynamic interdisciplinary field preparing students to be future leaders, scholars, and social justice activists. We are dedicated to studying the social production of gender and women's experiences in relation to formations of sexuality, race, class, nationality, ability, ageism, and other categories of difference. Scholarship and research in Women's and Gender studies emphasize the importance of connecting what students learn in the classroom to political projects and personal experiences.

Our curriculum empowers students to be agents of change in their communities and society. It provides them tools to examine relations of gender in local, national, and global contexts. Our courses situate gender within specific historical and cultural contexts, allowing students to examine how our lives are shaped by social and economic institutions, political movements, and individual experiences. "Putting Theory into Practice" since 1971, we place a strong emphasis on community involvement and activism, and we offer many opportunities for internships and service work credit.

The B.S. in Women's and Gender Studies prepares students for careers in education, as professors, teachers, or curriculum specialists; counseling, as school counselors, psychological or family therapists; law; health; human services; student services; and public service.

Minimum total units required for the BS: 120; 40 units should be upper division.

**Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.**

## Minimum Grade Requirement

A minimum grade of C- is required of courses applied to the major.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

**Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)**

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>A. Core Courses (12 Units)</b>		
WGS 50	Introduction to Gender & Sexuality <sup>1</sup>	3
WGS 85	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies <sup>1</sup>	3
WGS 110	Introduction to Women's Movements in the United States <sup>1</sup>	3
WGS 180	Seminar in Feminist Theory	3
<b>B. Required Departmental Elective Courses (15-18 Units)</b>		
Select 5-6 courses from the following, with at least one course from each category:		15 - 18
<i>Political and Social Movements / Applied</i>		
WGS 75	Introduction to Disability Studies	
WGS 133	Gender & Health <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 136	Gender, Race, and Class   <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 139	Violence Against Women <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 175	Course WGS 175 Not Found <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 195A	Fieldwork in Women's Studies	
WGS 198	Course WGS 198 Not Found	
WGS 199	Special Problems	
<i>Critical Cultural Studies</i>		
WGS 120	Mother Woman Person <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 137	Women Of Color  <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 140	Course WGS 140 Not Found <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 145	Feminism and the Spirit <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 146	Women In Art <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 150	Introduction to Queer and Trans Studies	
<i>Globalization and Transnational Feminisms</i>		
WGS 121	Women Of The Middle East <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 125	Sex & Gender in South Asia <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 138	Women and Work  <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 147	Women's Global Issues	
<b>C. Interdisciplinary Elective Courses (9-12 Units) <sup>2</sup></b>		

Select 3-4 courses from the following:		9 - 12
CRJ 111	Women and the Criminal Justice System	
ECON 184	Women and the Economy	
ENGL 185B	Twentieth Century Fiction by Women  <sup>2</sup>	
ENGL 185C	British Women Novelists <sup>2</sup>	
ENGL 185D	American Women Writers <sup>2</sup>	
EDUC 165	Sex Role Stereotyping in American Education  	
ETHN 132	La Mujer Chicana	
ETHN 151	Native American Women	
ETHN 172	Black Women In America	
HIST 167	History of American Women	
HIST 175A	Sex, Population, and Birth Control in America	
HRS 185	Women in Film and American Culture	
JOUR 172	Women in the Mass Media	
PHIL 123	Philosophy and Feminism	
PSYC 134	Psychology of Human Sexuality	
PSYC 157	Psychology of Women	
SOC 126	Sociology of Gender	
SWRK 134	Crimes Without Victims	
WGS 118	Asian American Women	
WGS 144	Women and Theatre: Staging Diversity  <sup>1</sup>	
WGS 166	Gender and Politics	
WGS 172/HIST 172A	LGBTQ Histories	

**Total Units** **36-42**

<sup>1</sup> Course also satisfies a General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

<sup>2</sup> 4-unit course.

## General Education Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Area A: Basic Subjects (6 Units)</b>		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (10 Units)</b>		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)</b>		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area D: The Individual and Society (3 Units)</b>		
Area D Course		3
Area D Course <sup>2</sup>		0
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>2</sup>		0
<b>Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)</b>		
Area E Course		3
<b>Area F: Ethnic Studies</b>		
Area F Course		
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup> To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

## Graduation Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)</b>		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government	3
	Writing Intensive (WI) <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)</b>		
	English Composition II	3
	Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)	3
	Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>3</sup>	6

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<sup>2</sup> Department recommends WGS Elective that meets the WI Graduation Requirement; see Program Requirements table above.

**Note:** WGS courses that meet the WI Graduation Requirement are displayed with a pencil icon.

<sup>3</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

## Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

**Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:**

These changes will not have an impact on any other academic units.

**Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:**

N/A

**How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?**

N/A

**Will the proposed changes require additional resources?**

No

**What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?**

None.

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