

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

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The Gender and Women's Studies Program offers a cross-disciplinary undergraduate major and minor composed of courses taught throughout the University by a diverse faculty. Reflecting the vitality of recent feminist, ethnic and queer scholarship, these courses examine the roles of gender, race, sexuality and other categories of identity in the lives of all people. The mission of the Gender and Women's Studies program is to explore gender as a primary category of analysis for the understanding of individuals and human societies in historical and cultural contexts.

The baccalaureate degree in gender and women's studies is a cross-disciplinary major with a minimum of 44 credits. All students must take GWST 1112 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies .

Seniors are also required to fulfill a four credit GWST capstone course. The remaining number of credits to get a student to 44 credit hours are taken from a combination of Gender and Women's studies courses and cross-listed courses in other departments.

A minor in gender and women's studies requires 24 credits, beginning with GWST 1112 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies. The remaining 20 credit hours may be selected from other Gender and Women's studies courses, including the colloquia, and courses in other departments also listed with the Gender and Women's Studies Program.

Gender and Women's Studies Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

A minimum of 44 credits of Gender and Women's Studies including GWST 1112 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies. Required courses* include, but are not limited to, the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
GWST 1112	Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	4
GWST 2650	Feminist Qualitative Research Methods and Design	4
GWST 3950	Theories in GWST	4
Participation in Colloquium		
GWST 2981	Colloquium in GWST	2
GWST 2982	Colloquium in GWST	2
Select one course from each of the four following areas:		16
History		
These interdisciplinary GWST classes are taught in other departments; see GWST course offerings each quarter and consult with the GWST advisor.		
Identity and Rhetoric		
These interdisciplinary GWST classes are taught in other departments; see GWST course offerings each quarter and consult with the GWST advisor.		
Institutions and Power		
These interdisciplinary GWST classes are taught in other departments; see GWST course offerings each quarter and consult with the GWST advisor.		
Intersectionality		
These interdisciplinary GWST classes are taught in other departments; see GWST course offerings each quarter and consult with the GWST advisor.		
Capstone Requirement		4
GWST 3975	Capstone Seminar ¹	
Electives		8
Any Gender and Women's Studies listed or also-listed course		
Total Credits		44

* Please consult with your GWST advisor and the schedule of classes for additional courses which may meet these requirements.

¹ Must be a senior.

SECONDARY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

40 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

Minor Requirements

24 credits in Gender and Women's Studies. Required: GWST 1112 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies.

Requirements for Distinction in the Major in Gender and Women's Studies

- Minimum 3.25 major GPA, 3.0 overall GPA
- Honors thesis (minimum 40 pages)
 - The thesis research, analysis, and writing will be done over the course of the student's senior year, and will include the student's own original research/creative work that draws upon or contributes to gender theory. This project is done in close consultation with a faculty mentor, and must be evaluated by a committee of at least three faculty members (including the major thesis adviser).

BA in Gender and Women's Studies

The following course plan is a sample quarter-by-quarter schedule for intended majors. Because the bachelor of arts (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>) curriculum allows for tremendous flexibility, this is only intended as an example; that is to say, if specific courses or requirements are not available in a given term, students can generally complete those requirements in another term. More importantly, students should focus on exploring areas of interest, including Common Curriculum requirements and possible minors or second majors, and maintaining a course load which will allow for completion of the degree within four years.

Ideally, Common Curriculum (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/degreesanddegreerequirements>) requirements other than Advanced Seminar should be completed during the first two years. Students should anticipate taking an average course load of 16 credits each quarter.

Ways of Knowing courses in the areas of Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/selectingadegreeprogram/courseplans/ai-society-courses>) and Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/selectingadegreeprogram/courseplans/si-society-courses>) introduce students to University-level study of disciplines in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Credits earned in Ways of Knowing courses may also apply to a major or minor.

The sample course plan below shows what courses a student pursuing this major might take in their first two years; beyond that, students should anticipate working closely with their major advisor to create a course of study to complete the degree.

First Year			
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
FSEM 1111	4 WRIT 1122	4 WRIT 1133	4
Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World	4 Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World	4 Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World	4
Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture	4 Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture or Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World	4 Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture or Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World	4
GWST 1112	4 GWST Identity and Rhetoric	4 GWST Intersectionality	4
	16	16	16
Second Year			
Fall	Credits Winter	Credits Spring	Credits
Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language	4 Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language	4 Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language	4
Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World or Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture	4 Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture	4 GWST 2981	2
INTZ 2501	1-2 GWST 2700	1-4 Major Elective	4
GWST History	4 Major Elective	4 Major Elective	4
	13-14	13-16	14

Total Credits: 88-92

¹ INTZ 2501 is required for any student who studies abroad, and may be taken in any quarter within the year prior to studying abroad.