GENDER, SEXUALITY AND WOMEN’S STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN HEALTH, SOCIETY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Student learning outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will know how to do the following:

Program core outcomes

- Demonstrate strong critical thinking skills that connect theory to action
- Employ multiple theories informed by intersectionality
- Demonstrate critical engagement with multiple epistemologies and methods of research
- Articulate the ways diverse feminisms converge and diverge in the 21st century
- Articulate contexts for intellectual, academic and artistic activism

Health, society and social justice concentration-specific outcome

- Demonstrate critical engagement with the socio-political aspects of what constitutes health and wellness

Special requirements

A Bachelor of Arts in Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies requires a total of 120 credits with 30 credits in GSWS courses and at least 15 of these credits in upper-level courses. Students may choose a general interdisciplinary program or a health, society and social justice concentration.

All students must complete the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in the College of Humanities and Sciences. All students also must complete core course requirements of GSWS 301 and GSWS 401, with the ancillary requirement of GSWS 201.

Students in the health, society and social justice concentration must take GSWS 393, in addition to three credits from the race, racism and anti-racism area and 12 credits from the health, society and social justice perspectives area.

The remaining credits in the major are electives, but must be GSWS courses or courses in other departments that have been approved by the major’s adviser. These electives may include GSWS 391, GSWS 491, GSWS 492 or GSWS 493. Note, however, that an independent study or internship is permitted only after the student has an agreement with a supervising faculty member and permission from the major’s adviser.

Degree requirements

Degree requirements Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with a concentration in health, society and social justice

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<td>Select 12-13 credits</td>
<td>from general education foundations and 17-18 credits from areas of inquiry.</td>
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Major requirements

- Major core requirements
  - GSWS 301 Feminist Theory 3
  - GSWS 401 Topical Senior Seminar 3
- Additional major requirements
  - GSWS 393 Topics in Feminist Method: ____ 3
  - GSWS race, racism and anti-racism perspective course 3
- Concentration requirements
  - GSWS health, society and social justice perspective courses 12
- Major electives
  - GSWS electives 6

Ancillary requirements

- GSWS 201 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies (satisfies general education BOK for social/behavioral sciences and AOI for diversities in the human experience) 3
- HUMS 202 Choices in a Consumer Society 1
- Experiential fine arts 1-3
- Foreign language through the 102 level (by course or placement) 0-6
- Open electives
  - Select any course. 50-58

Total Hours

120

Courses offered by the School of the Arts

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.

Perspective areas

Note: A course listed in two different areas may not be used to fulfill both area requirements for the major. Some courses may have prerequisites to meet before enrollment.

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GSWS/POLI 319 Women and American Politics 3
GSWS 356 Open Minds 3
GSWS 359/ENGL 355 Black Women Writers 3
GSWS 360 Mujerista Ethics 3
GSWS 361 Decolonial Feminisms 3
GSWS 366/INTL 368/ POLI 366 Women and Global Politics 3

Term Hours: 16

Spring semester
GSWS 201 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (satisfies general education BOK for social/behavioral sciences and AOI for diversities in the human experience) 3
HUMS 202 Choices in a Consumer Society 1
UNIV 112 Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations) 3

Term Hours: 15

Sophomore year
Fall semester
GSWS 301 Feminist Theory 3
UNIV 200 Inquiry and the Craft of Argument (satisfies general education UNIV foundations) 3

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester
Experiential fine arts 1-3
Foreign language (102-level) 3
GSWS health, society and social justice perspective 3
GSWS health, society and social justice perspective 3
Open electives 4

Term Hours: 14-16

Junior year
Fall semester
GSWS 393 Topics in Feminist Method: _____ 3
GSWS health, society and social justice perspectives 3
Open electives 9

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester
GSWS elective 3
GSWS health, society and social justice perspective 3
Open electives 9

Term Hours: 15

Senior year
Fall semester
GSWS 401 Topical Senior Seminar 3
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