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, GSWS 401 and GSWS 493 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 or GSWS 492. Note, however, that an independent study is permitted only after the student has an agreement with a supervising faculty member and permission from the major's adviser.

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

Course	Title	Hours
General education (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/general-education-curriculum/)		
Select 30 credits of general education courses in consultation with an adviser.		30
Major requirements		
• Major core requirements		
GSWS 301	Feminist Theory	3
GSWS 401	Topical Senior Seminar	3
GSWS 493	Internship	3
• Additional major requirements		
GSWS 393	Feminist Research and Methods of Inquiry	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		3
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]		1-3
Foreign language through the 102 level (by course or placement)		0-6
Open electives		
Select any course.		50-58
Total Hours		**120**

[1] 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.

Course	Title	Hours
Race, racism and anti-racism		
GSWS 291	Topics in Women's Studies (when the topic deals with race, racism and anti-racism)	3
GSWS/AFAM/SOCY 305	Oppression, Resilience and the Black Family	3
GSWS 309	Gender and Global Health	3

GSWS/AFAM/POLI 318	Politics of Race, Class and Gender	3
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
GSWS/RELS 371	Women in Islam	3
GSWS/CRJS 382	Gender, Crime and Justice	3
GSWS 383	Beyoncé: Music, Race and Fame	3
GSWS 384	Queer Nightlife	3
GSWS/AFAM/HIST 390	Forced and Coerced Labor in Africa and the Americas	3
GSWS 391	Topics in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (when the topic deals with race, racism and anti-racism)	3
GSWS 415	Black Performance Theory	3
GSWS 450	Black Feminist Thought	3
GSWS 451	Narratives of Asian American Sexualities	3
GSWS 460	Gender, Sexuality and HIV In African Literature	3
GSWS 470	Latinx Feminisms	3
GSWS 491	Topics in Women's Studies (when the topic deals with race, racism or anti-racism)	3
Health, society and social justice		
GSWS/AFAM/ANTH/ INTL 309	Gender and Global Health	3
GSWS/SOCY 333	Gender in Society	3
GSWS/SOCY 334	Sociology of Women	3
GSWS/PSYC 335	Psychology of Women	3
GSWS/SOCY 336	Violence Against Women	3
GSWS 392	Gender and Health Across the Life Span	3
GSWS 409	LGBTQ Health and Wellness	3
GSWS/PSYC 414	Psychology of Women's Health	3
GSWS 460	Gender, Sexuality and HIV In African Literature	3
GSWS 461	HIV, Memory and Queer Archives	3
GSWS 491	Topics in Women's Studies (when the topic deals with health, society and social justice)	3

Freshman year

Fall semester		**Hours**
UNIV 101	Introduction to the University (or open elective)	1
UNIV 111 Play course video for Focused Inquiry I	Focused Inquiry I (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
General education course		3
General education course		3
General education course		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 Play course video for Focused Inquiry II	Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
General education course		3
Open electives		5
	Term Hours:	**15**

Sophomore year

Fall semester		
GSWS 301	Feminist Theory	3
UNIV 200	Advanced Focused Inquiry: Literacies, Research and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
GSWS race, racism and anti-racism perspective		3
Foreign language (101-level)		3
General education course		3
	Term Hours:	**15**
Spring semester		
Experiential fine arts		1-3
Foreign language (102-level)		3
GSWS health, society and social justice perspective		3
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Open electives		4
	Term Hours:	**14-16**

Junior year

Fall semester		
GSWS 393	Feminist Research and Methods of Inquiry	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
GSWS elective		3
Open electives		9
	Term Hours:	**15**

Spring semester		
GSWS 493	Internship	3
Open electives		12
	Term Hours:	**15**
	Total Hours:	**120-122**

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