

WOMEN'S, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) minor will help you explore new perspectives that you'll use in every relationship, every job, and every circumstance. When you minor in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, you study varied disciplines like communication, psychology, theory, math & science, literature, history, sociology, art, and politics, all with a gendered lens. While WGSS is not connected to a specific career like accounting or computer science, the perspectives you acquire do open up more employment opportunities since jobs often require evidence of credentials in diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies minor provides a thoughtful choice for careers in medicine, business, teaching, politics, social work, government, law, non-profits, and other endeavors where equity and social sensitivity are expected.

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is *not* just about women. Gender and sexuality exist along a spectrum and are affected by many intersecting factors. This minor makes you think about layers of identity and explore how oppressions like racism, sexism, transphobia, classism and ableism are comparable and intertwined. Students examine how social, historical, and psychological forces, organized by gender, shape individuals, communities, and societies. Minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies allows you to challenge these intersecting oppressions and address the systemic problems that create them. When you choose this minor, you become an agent — not a bystander — in the process of bringing humanity one step closer to equality.

Many students identify courses in the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program as among the most exciting and enlightening they take at Millersville. The students who enroll in our classes each semester find their background in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies to be a valuable resource for their professional development and lifelong intellectual growth. Through their developed competencies in cultural and gender dynamics, graduates have found themselves well prepared to pursue advanced degrees and training in the professions, to gain employment in community service agencies, to engage in artistic expression in the creative arts, and to assume leadership roles and positions in both business and government.

the programs

- Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor (<https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-humanities-social-sciences/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-minor/>)

the faculty

Dr. Jill Craven, coordinator

the courses

WSTU 220: 3 s.h.

Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies (G3)

Interdisciplinary and multicultural study of women's roles and relationships and the ways they differ among women by race, ethnicity, class and sexual orientation. Overview of theoretical perspectives on gender and examination of contemporary issues facing women.

WSTU 300: 3-12 s.h.

Internship in Wmn, Gndr, Sexlt

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WSTU 330: 3 s.h.

Feminist Theory (P)

This course explores diverse strains of feminist theory, including liberal, radical, black, global, socialist/Marxist and lesbian feminisms. This is a required course for all women's studies minors. Prereq: COMM 110, ENGL 110, WSTU 220, junior status or instructor permission.

WSTU 330H: 3 s.h.

Hon: Feminist Theory (P)

WSTU 379: 3 s.h.

Experimental

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WSTU 400: 3-12 s.h.

Internship in Wmn, Gndr, Sexlt

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WSTU 488: 3 s.h.

Senior Seminar (G3, W)

Interdisciplinary and multicultural examination of how feminist perspectives and a focus on women can restructure social institutions, ways of thinking and academic disciplines. Prereq: ENGL 110, junior or senior status, and WSTU 220 or another approved women's studies course or permission of instructor.

WSTU 489: 1-4 s.h.

Honors Course

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WSTU 491: 1-3 s.h.

Topics Wmn, Gndr, Sex Stdy

Investigates topics related to women's, gender and sexuality studies in history, literature, music, art, anthropology, sociology, communications, business, science or other fields.

WSTU 498: 1-6 s.h.

Ind Stdy:

Allows students to pursue an academic area of interest not available through an established course, with faculty supervision and guidance. For further information, see the Special Academic Opportunities section of the catalog, and consult with the director of women's studies.

WSTU 500: 3-12 s.h.

Internship in Wmn, Gndr, Sexlt

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