WOMEN'S STUDIES, MINOR

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Specific Requirements for the Women's Studies Minor
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Grades below a C will not be accepted in classes counting toward the minor.

Course | Title | Credits
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WS/ANTHR/PSYCH/SOC 105 | Understanding Human Diversity | 3
WS/PSYCH 211 | Women and Society | 3
WS/PSYCH 212 | Psychology of Diversity | 3
WS/NSG 230 | Women, Health and Society | 3
WS/PSYCH/SOC 231 | Marriage, Family and Relationships | 3
WS/MCCNM 235 | Women and Media | 3
WS/ENG 241 | Women in Literature | 3
WS/SOC 305 | Women and Crime | 3
WS/CS 306 | La Chicana | 3
WS 308 | Global Feminisms | 3
WS/MCCNM 330 | Gender and Film | 3
WS/ENG/COMR 335 | Gender and Communication | 3
WS/CS 401 | Third World Feminisms | 3
WS/CRIM 407 | Family Violence | 3
WS/HIST/SOC 428 | Women & Work | 3
WS/CRIM 455 | Hate Crimes | 3
WS 485 | Capstone | 3
WS 490 | Special Projects (CREDITS VARY) | 1-3
WS 291/491 | Special Topics (topics vary) | 1-3
WS 492 | Research (CREDITS VARY) | 1-3
WS 494 | Field Experience (CREDITS VARY) | 2-6
WS 498 | Internship (CREDITS VARY) | 2-6
WS Electives | Credits
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Required Courses | 3
WS 100 | Introduction to Women's Studies | 3

WS 301 | Theories of Intersectionality | 3
WS/CS 306 or WS 308 | La Chicana Global Feminisms | 3
Senior Capstone Experience Courses
Select three credits from the following: | 3
WS 485 | Capstone | 3
WS 490 | Special Projects | 1-3
WS 492 | Research | 1-3
Elective Courses
Select 6 credits in Women's Studies Electives | 6
Total Credits | 21

Cross Listing
Most Women's Studies courses are cross-listed, meaning that the courses can be found in the course listings of both the Women's Studies program and one or more other academic departments. This is indicated above, for example as WS 428 Women & Work (3 c.h.) /HIST 428 Women & Work (3 c.h.) /SOC 428 Women & Work (3 c.h.), indicating that the course is listed as a Women's Studies course, a History course, and a Sociology course. Students can take the courses by enrolling in a Women's Studies section (call number) or in another department's call number. To encourage breadth in their Women's Studies Minor, students are required to choose electives in different cross-listed disciplines. Students registering for a course for the minor should enroll in the Women's Studies section (call number). A course taken for the Senior Capstone Experience cannot be cross-listed.

Senior Capstone Experience
(WS 485 Capstone (3 c.h.), WS 490 Special Projects (1-3 c.h.), or WS 492 Research (1-3 c.h.))

The Senior Capstone Experience allows the student to bring together women's studies disciplinary knowledge with:
1. the major;
2. some other disciplinary perspective; or
3. a practical problem relevant to women's life experiences.

The expectation is that in taking WS 490 Special Projects (1-3 c.h.) the student will apply women's studies in a community-based setting. WS 492 Research (1-3 c.h.), can also be approved for the Senior Capstone Experience, but only with the condition that the student presents the research in a public forum to meet the practical application component.

Senior Capstone Experience Prerequisites
The Senior Capstone Experience will be open to students who have declared a WS Minor and have completed all the core requirements, i.e., WS 100 Introduction to Women's Studies (3 c.h.), WS 301 Theories of Intersectionality (3 c.h.) and either WS 306 La Chicana (3 c.h.) /CS 306 La Chicana (3 c.h.) OR WS 308 Global Feminisms (3 c.h.).

Advising
Student should contact the Women's Studies Coordinator by calling (719) 549-2979 or (719) 549-2143.
Student Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

• Demonstrate a working knowledge of women's participation in, contribution to, and transformation of areas of social life including culture, society, politics, economics, and religion.

• Demonstrate a working knowledge of institutionalized discrimination and violence based on gender.

• Demonstrate a critical understanding of gender from national and global perspectives.

• Demonstrate and apply the basic concepts, theories and methods in gender studies in national and global contexts.

Outcome Assessment Activities

An annual review of student capstone projects is conducted to evaluate the program's goals and student learning outcomes.