# WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY Gender & Women's Studies Program

### GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR (Reference Number 378)

GWS 200 Introduction to Gender & Women's Studies

GWS 400 Western Feminist Thought

These two core courses, plus 15 hours of electives with concentration (9 hrs) in either the Social Sciences or Humanities, and no more than 6 hours in any one department.

### CORE COURSES

GWS 200HHonors Introduction to Gender & Women's StudiesGWS 200Introduction to Gender & Women's StudiesGWS 400Western Feminist Thought

## APPROVED ELECTIVES (Taught by GWS Faculty)

- GWS 375 American Masculinities (counts in either category below)
- GWS 470 (G) Special Topics
- GWS 499 Directed Study in Gender & Women's Studies

# HUMANITIES

|  | ANTH 343        | Anthropology of Gender           |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|  | COMM 374        | Gender Communication             |
|  | <b>DANC 360</b> | Dance in Culture: Moving History |
|  | ENG 360         | Gay and Lesbian Literature       |
|  | ENG 387         | Studies in Autobiography         |
|  | ENG 497         | Women's Literature               |
|  | FLK 330         | Cultural Connections/Diversity   |
|  | FLK 371         | Urban Folklore                   |
|  | FLK 480         | Women's Folklife                 |
|  | GWS 321         | Women in Journalism              |
|  | HIST 335        | Twentieth Century Europe         |
|  | HIST 420        | History of Sexuality             |
|  | HIST 446        | American Legal History           |
|  | HIST 453        | American Women's History         |
|  | PHIL 212        | Philosophy and Gender Theory     |
|  | RELS 333        | Women and Religion               |
|  | <b>RELS 408</b> | Religion and Ecology             |
|  | GWS 321         | Women and Journalism             |

# SCIENCES/SOCIAL SCIENCES

| CRIM 446 | Gender, Crime, and Justice          |  |
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| FACS 495 | Relationship Violence               |  |
| GWS 421  | Women and Science                   |  |
| PS 373   | Minority Politics                   |  |
| PS 374   | Women and Politics                  |  |
| PH 365   | Human Sexuality                     |  |
| PH 464   | Women's Health                      |  |
| PSY 355  | Issues in Cross-Cultural Psychology |  |
| PSYS 345 | Psychology of Sexuality             |  |
| PSYS 430 | Psychology of Women                 |  |
| SOCL 353 | Sociology of Modern Japan           |  |
| SOCL 355 | Sociology of Gender                 |  |
| SOCL 359 | Sexuality and Society               |  |
| SOCL 362 | Race, Class, & Gender               |  |
| SOCL 435 | Family Violence                     |  |
| SOCL 466 | Gender/Families                     |  |
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Additional courses may be taken with prior permission of advisor.



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#### What is Gender & Women's Studies

The Gender & Women's Studies Program at Western Kentucky University provides an interdisciplinary forum for the exploration of women's lives, experiences, and the ways in which gender roles affect identity. Our courses and events consider the methods and values through which women and men construct their identities and social realities.

Concepts of masculinity and femininity are constantly evolving. Knowledge of gender dynamics is central to the understanding any subject: business, politics, religion, social trends, artistic movements, sports and leisure, the media—or yourself.

### What is in it for me?

- Challenging and enriching learning experiences
- Opportunities to explore topics that often remain unexamined in other courses
- Emphasis on critical thinking
- Chances to participate in social change projects
- Participation in a learning environment that encourages a higher level of interaction between students and professors.

# Two scholarships awarded every year, one for scholarly work and one for activism.

- Our GWS minors have found careers in
- Advocacy
- Non-profit organizations
- The Arts
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Counseling & Therapy
- Film Production
- Human Resources
- Human Rights Organizations
- International Development Agencies
- Journalism
- Law Enforcement or Legal Aid
- Marketing
  - Peace Corps or Americorps
  - Public Health
- Public Relations
- Politics
- Social Work & Child Protection Agencies
- Teaching/Professorship



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