Women's and Gender Studies

The mission of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Georgia Southern University is to introduce students to the definitions, theories, and methodologies of the study of gender as intersecting with identities of race, class, and sexuality. The Women's and Gender Studies Program at Georgia Southern University offers an interdisciplinary minor available to all undergraduate students, regardless of major.

As an interdisciplinary minor, the Women's and Gender Studies Program promotes collaboration across diverse disciplines and among students, faculty, and the community who work together to understand the ways in which ideologies of gender and sexuality permeate the entire fabric of society.

Through course offerings in the undergraduate minor in Women's and Gender Studies (WGST), the program promotes academic study and dialogue on a broad range of topics related to interdisciplinary studies of women, feminisms, masculinities, sexes, genders, and sexualities, including LGBT+ or gender and sexual minorities (GSM).

The Women's and Gender Studies Program supports research, teaching, and outreach activities that analyze gender through the framework of "intersectionality," which theorizes identity categories as multiple. Identities that are always intersecting influence experiences and complicate marginalization.

Guided by disciplinary standards, the Women's and Gender Studies Program supports the University's mission by fostering research, teaching, and outreach activities that promote integrity, civility, kindness, and collaboration.

Women and Gender Studies Minor


Women and Gender Studies Concentration

- Women's and Gender Studies Interdisciplinary Concentration (http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/archive/2017-2018/undergraduate/liberal-arts-social-sciences/women-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-interdisciplinary-concentration)

WGST 2530 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A multidisciplinary course designed to introduce students to the field of women and gender studies. Students will examine traditional and alternative perspectives on women’s and men’s experiences.
Cross Listing(s): WGST 2530S.

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WGST 3090 Selected Topics in Women and Gender Studies
0-15 Credit Hours. 0-15 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Various Selected Topics.
Cross Listing(s): WGST 3090S.
WGST 4530  Revelation and Revolution  
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
Explores issues of gender, spirituality, and power within the context of African history.  
Cross Listing(s): AAST 4530 and HIST 4530.  

WGST 5131  Sex, Violence, and Culture  
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
Uses feminist theories of gender, sexuality, and patriarchal culture to explore the relationship between public and private violence. Placing private violence in a global perspective, this course critiques the gender stakes of economies of domination and exploitation, the war system, and ideologies of family and nation.  
Prerequisite(s): WGST 2530.  
Cross Listing(s): WGST 5131G.  

WGST 5633  Writing the Body  
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
Writing the Body explores the ways in which written discourse is an intellectual, social, creative, and educational practice that is always also material and corporeal. As an introduction to discipline-specific foundations in writing theory and methodologies, this course engages students in both the analysis and production of written texts and enables them to explore the ways in which identity narratives are embodied and performative.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in ENGL 1102.  
Cross Listing(s): WGST 5633G, WRIT 5633, WRIT 5633G.