Women's and Gender Studies Minor

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The Women’s and Gender Studies program brings together courses and faculty from several colleges of the university to provide an interdisciplinary experience leading to a minor in Women's and Gender Studies. As an area of scholarship, the principal focus is on the contributions, perspectives, and experiences of women in all areas of human endeavor, including the status, portrayal, or achievements of women in areas such as art, history, literature, science, business, engineering, and medicine. It also promotes greater understanding of gender as a fundamental category of meaning, examining the pervasive and often unacknowledged ways that gender shapes and changes our social institutions, individual knowledge, and interpersonal relationships. While the classes included as Women's and Gender Studies courses may be offered in various departments, the minor organizes these courses in a coherent structure such that the sum of the experiences offers a more comprehensive insight into the discipline of Women's Studies than the individual courses provide on their own.

A minor in Women's and Gender Studies consists of 21 semester hours, including one required course (WGS 200), five core courses, and one elective as shown in the following table. Core courses must include at least 6 semester hours of humanities and 6 semester hours of social and natural sciences listed below. Note that 12 of the 21 semester hours must be at the 300-level or higher. Students must also complete a portfolio and portfolio conference during their final semester at UAH. A student interested in minoring in Women's and Gender Studies should contact the director of the program for advising.

Required Course

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<td>WGS 200</td>
<td>INTRO WOMEN'S &amp; GENDER STUDIES</td>
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Core Courses Five courses required from the following, at least 6 hours in each category: 1,2,3

Humanities (at least 6 hours)

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<tr>
<td>CM 416</td>
<td>WOMEN ORATORS</td>
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<td>EH 418</td>
<td>REP TEXTS-WOMEN WRITERS</td>
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<td>EH 462</td>
<td>SHAKESPEARE II</td>
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<td>EH 465</td>
<td>DRAMATIC LITERATURE</td>
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<td>HY 367</td>
<td>WOMEN IN U.S. HISTORY</td>
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<td>HY 483</td>
<td>WOMEN &amp; GENDER LATIN AMERICA</td>
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<td>PHL 335</td>
<td>PHILOSOPHY OF GENDER</td>
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Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Business, and Technology (at least 6 hours)

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<td>MGT 462</td>
<td>EMPLOYMENT LAW FOR MANAGERS</td>
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<td>PY 406</td>
<td>PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN</td>
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<td>SOC 206</td>
<td>MARRIAGE AND FAMILY</td>
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<td>SOC 306</td>
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Elective Course 4

Select one additional core course or one of the following:

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<td>ARH 103</td>
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<td>ARH 309</td>
<td>CONTEMPORARY ART &amp; ISSUES</td>
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<td>BYS 318</td>
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<td>EH 403</td>
<td>LITERARY CRITICISM &amp; THEORY</td>
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<td>EH 430</td>
<td>THE AMERICAN NOVEL</td>
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<td>HY 482</td>
<td>COMPTV SLAVERY &amp; ABOLITION</td>
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<td>HY 485</td>
<td>NAZI GERMANY AND THE HOLOCAUST</td>
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<td>PHL 102</td>
<td>INTRO TO ETHICS</td>
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<td>PSC 438</td>
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<td>PY 375</td>
<td>SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY</td>
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<td>SOC 105</td>
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Total Semester Hours: 21

1. No more than 6 semester hours within a single subject area.
2. No more than two of the courses applied to the minor can be from the student's major field of study. One course may count towards both the major and the minor.
3. Approved Special Topics courses may count as "Core" courses toward the minor. Current approved Special Topics "Core" courses are: ARH 320 ST: Women in Antiquity; ARH 320 ST, Modern Women Artists; EH 440 ST, Native Women's Literature; FL 204 ST: Performing Gender: Exploring Gender Roles and Sexuality in International Cinema; FL 404S ST: Hispanic Women Writers.
4. Approved Special Topics courses may count as "Elective" courses toward the minor. Current approved Special Topics "Elective" courses are: EH 440 ST: American Drama; HY 399 ST: Food in World History; PHL 403: Advanced Moral Philosophy: Care Ethics; PSC 440: Regional Studies: African Politics.
5. WGS 340 or WGS 499 may count as core courses in various subject areas if these courses carry 3 semester hours credit.

Note:

New courses may be added to this list when approved for inclusion by the Women's and Gender Studies Program Advisory Committee. For current listing of approved Women's and Gender Studies courses and for additional information on the Women's and Gender Studies program, please see our website at [www.uah.edu/la/departments/womens-studies/programs/minor](http://www.uah.edu/la/departments/womens-studies/programs/minor)