

# 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), three core courses, and three additional core or elective courses as shown in the following table. Core courses must include at least 3 semester hours of humanities and 3 semester hours of social sciences and management classes 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

WGS 200	INTRO WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES	3
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**Core Courses 3 courses required from the following, at least 3 hours in each category:** <sup>1,2,3</sup> 15

### Humanities (at least 3 hours)

CM 416	WOMEN ORATORS
EH 418	REP TEXTS-WOMEN WRITERS
EH 462	SHAKESPEARE II
EH 465	DRAMATIC LITERATURE
HY 367	WOMEN IN U.S. HISTORY
HY 390	WOMEN IN MODERN EUROPEAN HIS
HY 483	WOMEN & GENDER LATIN AMERICA
PHL 335	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY

### Social Sciences and Management (at least 3 hours)

MGT 462	EMPLOYMENT LAW FOR MANAGERS
PY 406	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN
SOC 206	MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
SOC 306	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER

**Elective Course** <sup>4</sup> 3

Select up to 3 additional core courses or up to 3 elective courses from the following:

ARH 103	ARH SUR:NON-WESTERN TRADITIONS
ARH 309	CONTEMPORARY ART & ISSUES
ARH 310	NINETEENTH CENTURY ART
BYS 437	PSYCHOBIOLOGY STRESS & ILLNESS
or PY 437	PSYCHOBIOLOGY STRESS & ILLNESS
CM 330	NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION
or PY 330	NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION
CM 333	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION
CM 433	DARK SIDE INTERPERSONAL COMM
CM 455	COMMUNICATION & CULTURE
EH 242	MYTHOLOGY
EH 403	LITERARY CRITICISM & THEORY
EH 430	THE AMERICAN NOVEL
EH 438	AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
EH 451	ARTHURIAN ROMANCE

HY 370	TECHNOLOGY IN AMERICAN HISTORY
HY 383	FOOD AND WORLD HISTORY
HY 482	COMPTV SLAVERY & ABOLITION
HY 484	LATIN AMERICAN HIST THRU FILM
HY 485	NAZI GERMANY AND THE HOLOCAUST
PHL 102	INTRO TO ETHICS
PHL 303	CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY
PHL 337	PHILOSOPHY OF RACE
PSC 438	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
or PHL 438	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
PY 375	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
or SOC 375	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
SOC 105	INTRO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
SOC 415	SOCIOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION
SOC 435	SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
WGS 340	SPECIAL TOPICS <sup>5</sup>
WGS 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY <sup>5</sup>

**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, Friendship in Early Modern England, EH 440 ST, Native Women's Literature; WLC 204 ST: Performing Gender: Exploring Gender Roles and Sexuality in International Cinema; WLC 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; PHL 403: Advanced Moral Philosophy: Care Ethics; PSC 440: Regional Studies: African Politics; PSC 440: Regional Studies: Latin American 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)