

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 and Gender 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 classes listed below. 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.

- 25% of the minor must be earned at UAH
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in the minor
- 12 of the 21 semester hours must be at the 300-level or higher

Code	Title	Semester Hours
WGS Minor Requirements		21
WGS 200	INTRO WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES	3
Core Courses 3 courses required from the following, at least 3 hours in each category: ^{1,2,3}		9
Humanities (at least 3 hours)		
ARH 320	SPECIAL TOPICS IN ART HY (Women in Antiquity OR Modern Women Artists) ³	
EH 414	CREATIVE NONFICTION WRITING	
EH 418	REP TEXTS-WOMEN WRITERS	
EH 440	SPECIAL TOPICS ENGLISH STUDIES (Native Women's Literature) ³	
EH 461	SHAKESPEARE I	
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	
TH 323	THEATRE HISTORY II	
TH 324	MODERN AMERICAN THEATRE	
WLC 204	INTERNATIONAL CINEMA (Performing Gender & Sexuality) ³	
Social Sciences (at least 3 hours)		
PSC 440	REGIONAL STUDIES (African Politics OR Latin American Politics) ³	
PY 406	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN	
SOC 206	MARRIAGE AND FAMILY	
SOC 306	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER	
SOC 309	SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITY	
WGS Advanced Courses (may substitute for Core courses)		
WGS 340	SPECIAL TOPICS ⁵	
WGS 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY ⁵	
Elective Course ⁴		9

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

ARH 103	ARH SUR: WORLD ART
ARH 309	CONTEMPORARY ART & ISSUES
ARH 310	NINETEENTH CENTURY ART
BYS 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 434	SCIENCE FICTION
EH 438	AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
EH 451	ARTHURIAN ROMANCE
HY 370	TECHNOLOGY IN AMERICAN HISTORY
HY 383	FOOD AND WORLD HISTORY
HY 473	U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS
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
PHL 403	ADV MORAL PHILOSOPHY (Care Ethics) ⁴
PSC 438	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
or PHL 438	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
PY 375	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
or SOC 375	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
PY 437	PSYCHOBIOLOGY STRESS & ILLNESS
or BYS 437	PSYCHOBIOLOGY STRESS & ILLNESS
SOC 330	RACE AND ETHNICITY
TH 322	THEATRE HISTORY I

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, EH 440, PSC 440, SOC 340, and WLC 204.

⁴ Approved Special Topics courses may count as "Elective" courses toward the minor. Current approved Special Topics "Elective" courses are: PHL 403

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/>)