# Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor

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The Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality 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, Gender, and Sexuality 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 and of sexuality as fundamental categories of meaning, examining the pervasive and often unacknowledged ways that gender and/or sexuality shape and change our social institutions, individual knowledge, and interpersonal relationships. While the classes included as Women's, Gender, and Sexuality 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, Gender, and Sexuality Studies than the individual courses provide on their own.

A minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality 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

## Required Course
- **WGS 200** INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES  

## Core Courses
- 3 Core courses required, in at least 2 categories below; up to 6 Core courses may be taken 1,2,3

### Education/Kinesiology
- **SFM 385** WOMEN IN SPORT

### Humanities
- **ARH 320** SPECIAL TOPICS IN ART HISTORY (Women in Antiquity OR Modern Women Artists) 3  
- **EH 414** CREATIVE NONFICTION WRITING  
- **EH 418** REPRESENTATIVE TEXTS BY WOMEN AUTHORS  
- **EH 461** SHAKESPEARE I  
- **EH 462** SHAKESPEARE II  
- **EH 465** DRAMATIC LITERATURE  
- **HY 367** WOMEN IN U.S. HISTORY  
- **HY 390** GENDER & SEXUALITY MODERN EURO  
- **HY 483** GENDER & SEXUALITY LATIN AM  
- **PHL 335** FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY  
- **TH 323** THEATRE HISTORY II  
- **TH 324** MODERN AMERICAN THEATRE  
- **WLC 204** INTERNATIONAL CINEMA (with Kaiura) 3

### Social Sciences
- **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
- **WGS 340** SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES 5
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**Elective Courses**

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

- ARH 103  ART HISTORY SURVEY. 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 413   THE OLD SOUTH
- HY 414   THE NEW SOUTH
- HY 473   U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS
- HY 476   BEING YOUNG MODERN MIDDLE EAST
- HY 482   COMPTV SLAVERY & ABOLITION
- HY 484   LATIN AMERICAN HIST THRU FILM
- HY 485   NAZI GERMANY AND THE HOLOCAUST
- PHL 102  INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS
- PHL 303  CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY
- PHL 337  PHILOSOPHY OF RACE
- PHL 403  ADVANCED MORAL PHILOSOPHY (Care Ethics)
  or PHL 438
- PSC 438  CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
  or SOC 375 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
- 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, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program Advisory Committee. For current listing of approved Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies courses and for additional information on the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality
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).