

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Graduate Certificate Program (6-12-19)

The Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is designed as a complement to a disciplinary graduate program or as a stand-alone post-baccalaureate course of study. The Certificate is a small, flexible program that provides students with breadth and the challenge of working outside their home discipline in concentrated interdisciplinary study of women, gender, and sexuality. In recognition of contemporary educational and employment contexts that are increasingly diverse and international, the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program offers the Graduate Certificate as a means to enrich academic, personal, and employment horizons. A Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies will be especially beneficial to those who wish to incorporate a broader perspective into their teaching (either in secondary or higher education), and qualifies them for positions that require such expertise. Additionally, individuals interested in fields such as social policy, human resources, and business will also gain from understanding how gender and sexuality operates at individual, organizational, and institutional levels. Students will work closely with outstanding faculty from diverse disciplinary backgrounds.

Specific Program Requirements

The Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) graduate certificate requires a total of 4 courses for at least 12 credits; no more than 6 credits at the 300-level. All students must complete WGSS 450. At least two courses must be at the 400-level with one of these as a 400-level only class. At least two courses must be taken outside the student's home department. Non-matriculating students must take at least one social science and one humanities course. The list of 400-level and 300-level courses are below.

Basic Requirements

- 4 courses for a total of at least 12 credits;
- 2 courses outside home department (*for matriculating students*); and
- WGSS 450 – Seminar in Feminist Theory.

Admission Criteria

Students in degree programs must be a graduate with good academic standing in their programs and are encouraged to apply early in their course of studies. Non-degree students must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent with a 3.0 GPA.

To begin the admissions process, please contact Professor Monica Najjar at mon2@lehigh.edu or 610-758-3364 or the Office of Interdisciplinary Programs at incasip@lehigh.edu or 610-758-3996.

Please use the following guideline when choosing your courses:

- I. ____ WGSS 450 (*all students **MUST** take this course*)
- II. The following are 400-level courses: (*you must take at least one course for 3 credits and one of the courses must be a 400-level course*):

____ WGSS 411 (ENGL 411) – Literature of Women – 3 credits (HU)

____ WGSS 430 – Internship in Women's Studies – 1 to 3 credits (SS)

- ___ WGSS 441 (SSP 441) – Women and Health – 3 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 442 (POLS 442) – Gender and Third World Development – 3 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 450 – Seminar in Feminist Theory – 3 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 465 (SSP 465) – Inequalities at Work – 3 credits (SS)
- ___ EDUC 471 – Diversity and Multicultural Perspectives – 3 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 484 (PSYC 484) – Psychology of Gender – 3 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 491 – Independent Study – 3 credits
(ND)

III. 300-level courses: (Take no more than two for 6 credits)

- ___ WGSS 310 (AAS 310/SSP 310) – Gender, Race, and Sexuality: The Social Construction of Differences – 4 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 311 (ENGL 311) – Literature of Women – 4 credits (HU)
- ___ WGSS 325 (HIST 325/SSP 325) – History of Sexuality and the Family in the U.S. – 3 to 4 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 326 (SPAN 326) – Tradition and Resistance: Women Writers of Latin America – 4 credits (HU)
- ___ WGSS 327 (FREN 327) – Women Writing in French – 4 credits (HU)
- ___ WGSS 330 – Internship in Women’s Studies – 1 to 4 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 341 (SSP 341) – Women and Health – 4 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 342 (POLS 342) – Gender and Third World Development – 4 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 351 (SSP 351) – Gender and Social Change – 4 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 364 (SSP 364) – Sociology of the Family – 4 credits (SS)
- ___ WGSS 365 (SSP 365) – Inequalities at Work – 4 credits (SS)