

# WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES, MINOR

## Program Description

This minor is an interdisciplinary program for undergraduate students who desire more in-depth study than can be obtained in one or a few courses on the changing statuses, issues, problems, and future prospects of women and men in contemporary society. The interdisciplinary nature of this program integrates the study of intersections of gender, race, class, and sexuality in multicultural and global contexts. This program is designed to complement undergraduate study programs in the University.

Students who select this minor must consult and have approval of the program advisor to establish a plan of study. This should be done prior to completing 6 hours of coursework listed for the program. The minor plan must be filed with an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and certified prior to application for graduation by the Dean of the College in which the major study degree will be awarded.

## Program Requirements

A minimum of 18 semester hours selected from the following courses is required for the minor. Topics courses<sup>1</sup> may be taken for credit when the announced content is appropriate to the minor. At least 12 of the hours must be at the upper division level and 12 must be taken at A&M-Corpus Christi.

| Code                                | Title  | Hours |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>             |  |       |
| WGST 3301                           | Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (open to all students)      | 3     |
| WGST 4380                           | SENIOR SEMINAR IN WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES                           | 3     |
| <b>Electives</b>                    |  |       |
| Select 12 hours from the following: |  | 12    |
| ANTH 3390                           | Special Topics in Anthropology <sup>1</sup>                          |       |
| ARTS 4390                           | Topics in Art History <sup>1</sup>                                   |       |
| BIOL 4590                           | Selected Topics <sup>^,1</sup>                                       |       |
| BLAW 4390                           | Current Topics in Business Law (Women in the Workplace) <sup>1</sup> |       |
| COMM 4314                           | Gender Communication   |       |
| COMM 4345                           | Intercultural Communication  |       |
| CRIJ 4324                           | Women and Criminal Justice   |       |
| CRIJ 4360                           | Intimate Relationship Violence                                       |       |
| ENGL 3366                           | Language in Society  |       |
| ENGL 4360                           | Gender, Sexuality and Literature                                     |       |
| ENGL 4361                           | Race and Ethnicity in Literature                                     |       |
| ENGL 4390                           | Topics in Literary Studies <sup>1</sup>                              |       |
| HIST 4337                           | United States Women's History  |       |
| HIST 4340                           | European Women's History   |       |
| HIST 4347                           | The History of Sexuality in the West                                 |       |
| MXAS 4390                           | Topics in Mexican American Studies <sup>1</sup>                      |       |
| NURS 4390                           | Dimensions in Nursing <sup>1</sup>                                   |       |
| POLS 3311                           | Women and Politics   |       |
| PSYC 3374                           | Human Sexuality <sup>*</sup>   |       |

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| PSYC 4367 | Gender Issues in Psychology       |
| PSYC 4390 | Topics in Psychology <sup>1</sup> |
| SOCI 3320 | Sociology of Gender               |
| SOCI 3321 | Mexican American Women            |
| SOCI 3340 | Sociology of the Family           |
| SPAN 4390 | Topics in Spanish <sup>1</sup>    |

**Total Hours** 18

<sup>1</sup> Topics courses (3390 and 4390) are limited to those approved by the program advisor as appropriate to the minor.

<sup>\*</sup> Online offering

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## Courses

### WGST 3301 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies

#### 3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF WOMEN AND GENDER ACROSS DISCIPLINES AND CULTURES. DESIGNED TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT METHODOLOGICAL AND THEORETICAL DEBATES REGARDING WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WOMEN HISTORICALLY AND TODAY. LITERARY, ANTHROPOLOGICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND MANAGERIAL PERSPECTIVES MAY BE INCLUDED.

### WGST 4380 SENIOR SEMINAR IN WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

#### 3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

THIS SEMINAR EXPLORES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEORY AND APPLICATION IN THE FIELD OF WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES. THIS INCLUDES THE STUDY OF FEMINIST THEORIES AND METHODOLOGIES WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE APPLICATION OF THESE TO CURRENT DEBATES AND SOCIAL ISSUES. IN ADDITION, STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A RESEARCH PAPER OR APPLIED EXPERIENCE PROJECT THAT IS RELEVANT FOR THEIR MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY.