

WOMEN'S STUDY INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR



The world is complex, interconnected, and interdependent, which complicates how we understand and relate to one another. That's why a Women's Study Interdisciplinary Minor is important. By exploring the way gender intersects with sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, ability, religion, and nationality, our students come to better understand personal and political identities, a critical component to understanding how power and privilege play out in work, politics, and culture.

The Women's Study Interdisciplinary Minor prepares individuals for the needs and opportunities of a changing world by building awareness of the range of human experience, potential, and accomplishment that place women and gender at the center of inquiry. Women's Studies transform disciplinary assumptions and theories, create innovative models for teaching and research, and develop practices for challenging systems of power and privilege.

The minor is open to any student in any major or minor.

For more information, please visit the department website (<https://rges.colostate.edu/undergraduate/>). More information is available on <https://advising.libarts.colostate.edu> (<https://advising.libarts.colostate.edu>).

To [add this minor](#), you can either call the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center at 970-491-3117 [or](#) ~~or~~ send an email to cla_advising@colostate.edu.

Learning Objectives

Through courses that specifically focus on women and gender dynamics, students will:

1. Explore academic disciplines from a feminist and gender studies perspective;
2. Develop an appreciation of the historic and contemporary contributions of women and gender in culture;
3. Understand the ideological assumptions regarding women and gender implicit in social institutions;
4. Recognize how multiple systems of power and privilege intersect in our everyday lives; and
5. Acquire knowledge and skills necessary for physical, social, and emotional well-being.

Requirements Effective Fall 2026

Students must satisfactorily complete the total credits required for the minor. Minors and interdisciplinary minors require 12 or more upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits.

Additional coursework may be required due to prerequisites.

Students enrolled in the undergraduate Women's Study Interdisciplinary Minor are required to earn a grade of C (2.000) or better in each course completed for undergraduate minor credit.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
ETST 201 or WS 267	Introduction to Queer Studies Genderqueer and Transgender Studies	3
WS 200	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WS 300	Feminist Theory	3
Intersectionality of Race, Sexuality and Gender ¹		
Select three of the following courses:		9
ETST 201	Introduction to Queer Studies	
ETST 254	La Chicana in Society	
ETST 300	Queer Studies and Women of Color	
ETST 305	Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the U.S.	
ETST 342	Queer Indigenous Studies	
ETST 352/ SOWK 352	Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes	
ETST 411	Black Feminism(s)	
ETST 413	Queer Creative Expressions	
ETST 420	Disability, Race, Gender in the Environment	
WS 248	Global Gender	
WS 258/ETST 258	Race, Sex, Climate Change	
WS 267/ETST 267	Genderqueer and Transgender Studies	
WS 268	Whiteness, Gender, and Sexuality (GT-SS3)	
WS 269	Women of Color in the United States (GT-SS3)	
WS 340	Race and Sexuality	
WS 350	Feminist Solidarity and Action	
WS 362/ETST 362	Indigenous Consciousness and Gender	
WS 417/ETST 417	Queer Theory	
Elective Courses ¹		
Select 3 credits from the following courses; students can select an additional course from the Intersectional choices:		3
ANTH 338	Gender and Anthropology	
ANTH 416	Gender, Culture, and Health	
ANTH 447	Gender Equity in Development	
ART 314	Gender and Feminisms in Art History	
E 330	Gender in World Literature	
E 331	Early Women Writers	
E 332	Modern Women Writers	
E 334	LGBTQ+ Literature	
ECON 211	Gender in the Economy (GT-SS1)	
HIST 304	Women in Ancient Greece and Rome	
HIST 312	Women in Medieval Europe	

HIST 320	Women and Gender in Europe, 1450-1789
HIST 358	American Women's History, 1492 to Present
HIST 359	American Women's History Since 1800
HIST 369	History of Sexuality in America
IE 470	Women and Development
LSPA 445	Women Writers in the Hispanic World
PHIL 353	Feminist Philosophies
PSY 327	Psychology of Women
PSY 437	Psychology of Gender
SOC 330	Social Inequality
SOC 333	Gender and Society
SOC 334	Sociology of Intersectionality
SOC 357	Women, Crime, and Victimization
SPCM 335	Gender and Communication

Program Total Credits: **21**

¹ Courses may not be used to satisfy both the "Intersectionality of Race, Sexuality, and Gender" and the "Elective Courses" categories. At least 9 of the 12 credits required for these course selections must be upper-division (300- to 400-level for a total of 12 upper division credits).