

MINOR - WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Program at San José State is committed to interdisciplinary scholarship and teaching based on global feminist frameworks. WGSS curriculum investigates how gender and gender identity, race, class, sexuality, and nation shape lives. The program emphasizes the importance of understanding gender as integral to social and political structures of power. Students will obtain skills to cultivate critical thinking, cultivation of dialogue, coalition building, appreciation of diversity, and contribution to social change based on feminist frameworks. The goal of the WGSS program includes integrating the academic and experiential, thereby contributing to social change and justice.

The WGSS minor consists of 15 units. At least nine (9) must be upper division (courses numbered 100-199) and selected from WGSS core courses. WGSS core courses are those with the WOMS designations. WOMS 10, 20 101, and 102 may be used to fulfill General Education and minor requirements (some restrictions may apply- please check with the WGSS coordinator).

Requirements of the Minor		
Core Course- 12 Units		
WOMS 010 . Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	D1	3
WOMS 101 . The Study of Women	S	3
WOMS 102 . The Global Study of Women	V	3
Complete one course from:		
AAS 185 . Multicultural Perspectives within American Society	S	3
WOMS 160 . Gender, Race, and Class		3
WOMS 193 . Women and Minorities in the Social Sciences		3
Electives- 3 Units		
Complete three units from (not taken above):		
WOMS 020 . Women of Color in the US	D2	3
WOMS 112 . Women in the Global Economy		3
WOMS 114 . The Politics of Mothering and Reproduction		3
WOMS 144 . Vietnamese Women in America		3
WOMS 160 . Gender, Race, and Class		3
WOMS 169 . Sexualities and the Body		3
WOMS 180 . Individual Studies		1-4
WOMS 189 . Islamic Perspectives on Gender		3
WOMS 190 . Internship		1-4
WOMS 193 . Women and Minorities in the Social Sciences		3
AFAM 156 . Black Women Writers: Race, Culture and Life Cycle in Cross-Cultural Perspective		3
AFAM 166 . African-American Women in History		3
AAS 160 . Asian American Women		3
MAS 160 . Gender and Sexuality in the Chicana/o Community	S	3
Total Units:		15

Note: An 18 unit minor can be arranged if required by your major.

Interested students should meet with the WGSS coordinator,
Dr. Tanya Bakhru – Tanya.Bakhru@sjsu.edu, for advising and approval of the minor.