Aimed at students enrolled in master’s and professional degree programs, the graduate/professional certificate in gender and women’s studies is designed to provide students with gender expertise that they can apply in a variety of fields. The requirement of a foundational course (800, 900 or 933) provides grounding in the major concepts, theories, and research approaches related to the study of gender and women. This foundation provides the necessary theoretical tools to allow students to analyze gender and its relationship with other socially meaningful categories such as class, race, ethnicity, disability, and sexuality in a variety of contexts. Two additional courses allow students to deepen their empirical knowledge of women and/or gender in a specific area or areas. Choice in these courses allows students to tailor their study to areas related to future career or study ambitions.

REQUIREMENTS

The certificate in gender and women’s studies at the graduate level may be earned by students enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Generally, the associate chair serves as the advisor. Interested students should meet with the associate chair early in the process to plan a course of study and to declare their intention to earn the certificate. Students must meet all of the following requirements in order to earn the certificate at the graduate level:

- Enrollment in a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- Three courses for a total of 9 credits of academic coursework in the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies at the 300 level or above and designated for graduate course attribute.
- One course must be either GEN&WS 880 Proseminar: Graduate Study in Gender and Women’s Studies, GEN&WS 900 Approaches to Research in Women's Studies/Gender Studies, or GEN&WS/ POLI SCI 933 Feminist Political Theory.
- Students enrolled in courses at the 300–600 level should inform the instructor that they are taking the course for a graduate-level certificate and will complete additional readings/assignments consistent with expectations for a graduate student.
- 6 credits must be in residence at UW–Madison. A maximum of 6 credits may be transferred from other institutions.
- Directed study (GEN&WS 699 Directed Study, GEN&WS 799 Independent Research at the Master’s and Professional Level, GEN&WS 999 Independent Research) and colloquia courses may not be used toward the certificate.
- A 3.0 grade is the minimum for courses counting toward the certificate. All courses must be taken for a letter grade (no pass/fail courses).

Graduate students may not earn both a Option A minor and graduate/professional certificate in Gender and Women’s Studies.

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