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 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.

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Two GEN&WS courses at the 300 level or above 6

Total Credits 9

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Enrollment in a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- 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 3 credits may be transferred from other institutions.
- Directed study (GEN&WS 699, GEN&WS 799, GEN&WS 999) 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 (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/gender-womens-studies/gender-womens-studies-doctoral-minor/#text) and graduate/professional certificate in Gender and Women’s Studies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate interdisciplinary understanding of major theories, methods, and debates in Gender and Women’s Studies.
2. Demonstrate the practical skills related to Gender and Women’s Studies, such as critical thinking and intersectional analysis, critical literature review, research methods, and written and oral communication.
3. Understand the interdisciplinary nature of Gender and Women’s Studies and the ways these relate to theoretical and methodological shifts in the field as well as to the institutions that shape everyday life.
4. Develop Gender and Women’s Studies knowledge, skills, and social engagement and demonstrate how these ideas can be applied to new settings, ideas, and understandings.

PEOPLE

FACULTY


Faculty Affiliates: See the GEN&WS Faculty Affiliates (https://gws.wisc.edu/people/affiliates-directory/) for more information about instructors on campus who are engaged in feminist-inspired teaching and research.

LECTURERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS

See the current semester’s GEN&WS Lecturers and Teaching Assistants directory (https://gws.wisc.edu/people/lecturers-and-teaching-assistants-ta/).

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