Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies - Undergraduate Program

Overview

The Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Program provides students with the opportunity to engage in critical analysis of issues related to women, gender, and sexuality. Courses typically emphasize how women, gender, and sexuality have shaped and been shaped by history, culture, and society, with particular attention to the role of race, ethnicity, class, nation, age, and religion in forming gender and sexual identities. This interdisciplinary program is taught by faculty from diverse fields and offers a unique opportunity for students to complement their work in traditional disciplines with courses that can be tailored to meet specific interests and needs.

Students may receive a minor in Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies by taking 18 credit hours from a selection of courses offered across several disciplines. Many of our courses are cross-listed with courses offered in other departments. Students should consult the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies website for a list of the courses being offered in any specific semester.

Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies minors are encouraged to take two foundation courses: GWSS 2310: Introduction to Women’s & Gender Studies and GWSS 2315: Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies. Both of these courses satisfy the general core requirements in Language, Philosophy, and Culture.

Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Minors may also consider taking the Internship course, which involves working off campus at a local organization that addresses women's or gender issues.

Students seeking the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies minor should first consult with the advisors in their major departments or programs for approval, then with the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Program advisor.

A Graduate Certificate in Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary program that advances knowledge and research in the fields of gender, women, and sexuality studies. A Graduate Certificate demonstrates a student’s understanding of the issues related to women, gender, and sexuality that have shaped social structures, institutions, and identities across human history and continue to impact our cultural, political, and social world. Students gain a specialization within the fields of gender, women, and sexuality studies that enhances their graduate education and equips them with skills to succeed in their chosen careers.

Applicants seeking the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Graduate Certificate will be restricted to students currently enrolled in a Master’s or Ph.D. program at UT Arlington, having met those admission standards. In these cases, the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Program will defer to the admissions standards of each individual graduate program. As long as the student remains in good standing within their primary degree-granting department, they may be admitted to the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Graduate Certificate Program. Students should consult with the Graduate Studies Advisor of their Master’s or Ph.D. program before applying to the Graduate Certificate in Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies.

Students may receive a Graduate Certificate in Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies by taking 12 hours of graduate-level GWSS courses or graduate-level courses designated by the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Program as having a central focus on gender, women, sexuality, or related topics. These courses may be taken within the graduate student’s primary degree-granting department, or within other participating graduate programs. Courses may be counted twice, for both the student’s primary graduate degree and their Graduate Certificate in Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies. A list of approved classes will be posted on the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies website.