

MAJOR IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Requirements

Women's and Gender Studies majors are required to complete 39 units with a grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher from among the following courses.¹ In addition, all Women's and Gender Studies majors must complete a minimum of 18 units toward the major at Towson University, with at least 12 units at the upper (300-400) level.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses		
WMST 337	FEMINIST THEORY	3
Perspective Course		
Select one from the following:		3
WMST 231	WOMEN IN PERSPECTIVE	
WMST 232	HONORS WOMEN IN PERSPECTIVE	
WMST 233	INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES OF WOMEN	
Culminating Experience		
WMST 485	SEMINAR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES	3
Focus Area		
Students must select 12 units from one of the four focus areas listed below (minimum 6 units must be from WMST)		12
Distribution Requirement		
Students must select 6 units from each of the remaining three focus areas		18
Total Units		39

¹ At least 20 units must be upper-level courses.

Focus Areas

Code	Title	Units
Women, Gender, Culture and Creativity		
WMST 235	AMERICAN WOMEN AND POPULAR CULTURE	
WMST 333	WOMEN'S WORDS, WOMEN'S LIVES	
WMST 370	TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES ¹	
WMST 382	CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS	
WMST 385	MASCULINITIES IN PERSPECTIVE	
WMST 386	WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICES	
AFST 411	TOPICS IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES ¹	
ARTH 341	WOMEN IN ART	
CLST 303	IDENTITY AND CULTURE ¹	
COMM 440	COMMUNICATION AND GENDER	
EMF 205	GENDER IN FILM AND MEDIA	
ENGL 290	HONORS SEMINAR IN LITERATURE ¹	
ENGL 370	SPECIAL TOPICS: LITERATURE OF WOMEN	
ENGL 469	STUDIES IN ONE OR TWO AUTHORS ¹	
HIST 306	WOMEN IN 20TH CENTURY U.S. HISTORY	
MUSC 205	WOMEN IN WESTERN MUS	

PHIL 204	RACE, CLASS AND GENDER
PHIL 260	PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
PHIL 332	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY

Women, Gender, Diversity and Global Contexts

WMST 233	INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES OF WOMEN
WMST 345	WOMEN, ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH
WMST 350	B-MORE: BALTIMORE AND URBAN COMMUNITIES
WMST 370	TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES ¹
WMST 382	CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS
WMST 383	ANIMAL RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS
WMST 385	MASCULINITIES IN PERSPECTIVE
WMST 386	WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
AFST 411	TOPICS IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES ¹
ANTH 321	ANTHROPOLOGY OF GENDER
GEOG 358	FEMINIST GEOGRAPHIES
HIST 308	WOMEN IN ANTIQUITY
HIST 325	GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN IMPERIAL CHINA
HIST 361	UNITED STATES LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER HISTORIES
LGBT 101	INTRODUCTION TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER STUDIES
PHIL 260	PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
PSYC 457	GENDER IDENTITY IN TRANSITION
RLST 425	RACE, GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND JUDAISM
SOCI 243	SOCIOLOGY OF RACE, CLASS AND GENDER

Women, Gender, Health and Sexuality

WMST 235	AMERICAN WOMEN AND POPULAR CULTURE
WMST 338	WOMEN AND SEXUALITY
WMST 345	WOMEN, ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH
WMST 370	TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES ¹
WMST 382	CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS
WMST 383	ANIMAL RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS
COMM 345	SEXUAL COMMUNICATION
COMM 442	QUEER/LGBT COMMUNICATION STUDIES
COMM 444	TRANS* COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CRMJ 307	ISSUES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
FMST 310	LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER FAMILIES
HIST 361	UNITED STATES LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER HISTORIES
HLTH 219	WOMEN'S HEALTH
HLTH 220	SEXUALITY IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY
LGBT 101	INTRODUCTION TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER STUDIES
PHIL 260	PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

PSYC 447	PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER
PSYC 457	GENDER IDENTITY IN TRANSITION
SOCI 335	MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY
Women, Gender, Leadership and Community	
WMST 335	WOMEN, WORK, AND FAMILY
WMST 345	WOMEN, ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH
WMST 350	B-MORE: BALTIMORE AND URBAN COMMUNITIES
WMST 370	TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES ¹
WMST 382	CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS
WMST 383	ANIMAL RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS
WMST 385	MASCULINITIES IN PERSPECTIVE
WMST 386	WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
CRMJ 307	ISSUES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CRMJ 348	WOMEN, CRIME, AND JUSTICE
ENGL 401	GRANT AND ADVOCACY WRITING
FMST 350	FUNDAMENTALS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR
HIST 306	WOMEN IN 20TH CENTURY U.S. HISTORY
HIST 361	UNITED STATES LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER HISTORIES
PHIL 260	PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
POSC 340	COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY
POSC 475	SPEC TOPICS POSC ¹
POSC 481	SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY
SOCI 312	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER
SOCI 362	WORK AND OCCUPATIONS

¹ Please contact the Department of Women's and Gender Studies for acceptable topics related to women and gender.

Four-Year Plan of Study

Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

Freshman

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
Select one of the following:	3	Elective in Women, Gender, Culture and Creativity	3
WMST 231 (Core 13)	3	Elective in Women, Gender, Diversity and Global Contexts	3
WMST 232 (Core 13)	3	Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
WMST 233 (Core 12)	3	Core 4	3
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3	Core 5	3
Core 3	3		
Core 12 or Core 13	3		

Elective	3
	15

Sophomore

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
Elective in Women, Gender, Health and Sexuality	3	Elective in Women, Gender, Culture and Creativity	3
Elective in Women, Gender, Leadership and Community	3	Elective in Women, Gender, Diversity and Global Contexts	3
Core 6	3	Core 8	4
Core 7	4	Core 10	3
Core 9	3	Core 11	3
	16		16

Junior

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
WMST 337	3	WMST course in Selected Focus Area	3
Core 14	3	Elective in Women, Gender, Health and Sexuality	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	15		15

Senior

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
Elective in Women, Gender, Leadership and Community	3	WMST 485	3
WMST course in Selected Focus Area	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	1
	15		13

Total Units 120

Learning Outcomes

- Shows ability to use feminist methodologies and theories to analyze women's experience.
- Demonstrates an understanding of the social forces that construct and constrain gender identity.
- Shows the ability to apply gender as an analytical category in order to critique cultural and social institutions.
- Shows understanding of the authority of women's experiences and in women as perceivers and knowers.
- Shows an ability to examine commonalities and diversity among women, across and within culture.