

Women's and Gender Studies



"Women's and Gender Studies will give you the tools to engage with and contribute to a changing world. Our majors pursue a broad range of careers, all helping improve lives, whether in our local communities of Fredericksburg, Richmond, and D.C., or overseas, working with communities in countries such as Rwanda or Togo."

Dr. Kristin Marsh, program director

The Women's and Gender Studies major is an interdisciplinary major focused on understanding the role of gender in society and the experiences of women. Since each student will design a program suited to her/his interests, we encourage all majors to work closely with the program director to create a cohesive curriculum. The major provides excellent preparation for a wide array of occupations, from teaching and counseling to policy studies and social services.

New students considering a major in Women's and Gender Studies should begin by taking the foundation course, WGST 101, Introduction to Women's Studies. You might also take a first year Seminar on a related subject. Other introductory courses, including SOCG 105 The Social World, PSYC 100 General Psychology, and HIST 121 Western Civilization, all of which fulfill general education requirements and provide good intellectual context for Women's and Gender Studies majors.

Below are some examples of first semester schedules for Women's and Gender Studies majors.

Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. WGST 101 - Introduction to Women's Studies (3)	Major, WI*
2. FSEM 100- E5 "I'm Not a Feminist, but..." (3)	FSEM
3. ARTH 114 - History of Western Art I (3)	NS
4. SPAN 101 - Beginning Spanish (3)	Language
5. HIST 121 - Western Civilization I (3)	HES

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Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. WGST 101 - Introduction to Women's Studies (3)	Major, WI*
2. FSEM 100- E5 "I'm Not a Feminist, but..." (3)	FSEM
3. SOCG 105 - The Social World (3)	HES
4. MATH 110 - Finite Math with Applications (3)	QR
5. BIOL 121 - Biological Concepts I w/lab (4)	NS

Example 3: Athletes for varsity sports must register for the 400-level course of the sport. Practice times for varsity sports can vary, but generally speaking, athletes should allow for enough time to get to and from practice on weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m. Please check with the individual coach for your sport to verify specific practice times each semester.

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. WGST 101 - Introduction to Women's Studies (3)	Major, WI*
2. HISP 101 - The American Heritage (3)	HES
3. GEOG 101 - World Regional Geography (3)	GI
4. PSYC 100 - General Psychology (3)	HES
5. PHYD 429 - Intercollegiate Swimming - Women (1)	Elective

**Please note that not all sections of a course may have the Speaking Intensive (SI) or Writing Intensive (WI) attributes. These designations for a course are dependent on instructor and semester, and are listed in the Banner description for the semester in which you are registering.*