

Women's & Gender Studies (Interdisciplinary Minor)

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At Whitworth, we affirm that all people are created in God's image and share a common humanity. At the same time, we acknowledge that many factors, such as gender, race, class, sexual orientation and religious upbringing, influence our learning and our lives. These personal characteristics, including gender, may influence the ways in which women and men pursue scholarship; the ways in which women and men are represented in scholarship, in history and in society; and, ultimately, the ways in which women and men may come to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity. Through curricular and co-curricular means, teaching both mind and heart, the Whitworth Women's & Gender Studies Program offers students the unique opportunity to think through gender issues from a Christian perspective and to articulate, support and critique feminist views in the light of biblical and theological traditions.

The learning outcomes of this minor prepare the student to do the following:

- Emphasize gender, race and class as categories of historical and/or contemporary analysis.
- Identify and investigate the intersections of gender, race, class and religion with gender experiences.
- Seek an increased understanding of gender issues from various Christian perspectives.
- Explore, develop, articulate and critique feminist views.
- Focus on gender as a category of analysis.
- Examine roles, experiences, contributions or representations of women and investigate the cultural construction of gender and intersectionality.
- Make visible interpersonal, structural and internalized factors that create gender-related power imbalances.
- Explore women, feminism and social justice as a significant focus.

A minor in women's & gender studies prepares successful candidates for jobs and for graduate school in a broad range of disciplines, including human resources, education, political science, journalism, social work, counseling and medicine. Candidates are urged to speak with the program director about coursework and internships.

Requirements for a Women's & Gender Studies Minor (18)

WGS 201	Intro Women's and Gender Studies	3
15 credits from the approved course list		15

Note: Students cannot declare both a Women's & Gender Studies minor and a Theology & Gender minor.

Courses

WGS 108/BI 108	Biology of Sex & Gender	3
WGS 126/EL 126	Women Writers	3
WGS 127/EL 127	African American Women's Writers	3
WGS 183/TH 183	Biblical Themes and Women	3
WGS 201	Intro Women's and Gender Studies	3
WGS 220/SO 220	Race and Ethnicity	3
WGS 222/EL 222	Gender and Faith in Film and Literature	3
WGS 252/SO 252	Sociology of Gender	3
WGS 275	Bible and Gender	3
or TH 275	Bible and Gender	
TH 285	God, Sex and Relationships	3
WGS 294	Directed Readings: Women Writers	1

WGS 296H	Women's Artists' Books (honors) (*Note: HI-396 courses will apply towards this requirement. See advisor for details.)	3
WGS 302	Gender and Faith in Film and Literature	3
WGS 304	Social Health in Scandinavia	3
or SO 304	Social Health in Scandinavia	
WGS 307W	Women in American Fiction	3
WGS 321	Gender, Performance, and Pop Culture (*Note: TH-196 courses will apply toward this requirement. See advisor for details.)	3
BU 325/WGS 325	Gender Issues in Leadership	3
WGS 326	Sociology of Marriage (Cross-listed as SO 326)	3
WGS 330	Latina & Caribbean Women Writers (Cross-listed as EL 330)	3
WGS 336	Gender, Politics and Law (*Note: PO-396 courses will apply toward this requirement. See advisor for details.)	3
or PO 336	Gender, Politics and Law	
WGS 342	British Women Writers	3
or EL 342	British Women Writers	
WGS 351	Cross Cultural Reentry Thailand Studies	1
WGS 362	Women and Gender in Christianity (*Note: WGS-196/296 courses will apply toward this requirement. See advisor for details.)	3
or TH 362	Women & Gender in Christianity	
WGS 370	Action Heroes to Zany Moms: Representations of Women in Popular Culture	3
COM 375	Hollywood: Spotlight on Gender Representation	3
WGS 378	Jane Austen	3
or EL 378	Jane Austen	
WGS 393	Christian Spirituality	3
or TH 393	Christian Spirituality	
WGS 399	Tutoring in Women's Studies	1-3
WGS 401	Seminar in Women's Studies	3
SO 410	Intergroup Dialogue ^{USCS 410}	3
SN 427HW	Gender and Identity Formation in Latin America	3
SN 434W	Spanish and Latin American Women Writers	3
FR 334	French Women Writers	3