

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

Students wishing to declare Women and Gender Studies as their major can now do so online, via Campus Solutions. A follow-up email will be sent from the Department Chair. Students can also make an appointment with one of the undergraduate advisers and fill out an advising form before the appointment.

Students majoring in Women and Gender Studies may enroll in WGS courses and courses focusing on women, gender and sexuality, in any other department. The choice of electives is flexible, and your advisor will assist you in devising a program appropriate to your own needs and interests. With the consent of your academic adviser, you may also use courses with a focus on women taken at other colleges and universities as part of the Women and Gender Studies major.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to define and describe contesting theories, methods, histories, and representations of women, gender, and feminism (department-wide)
2. Students will identify the politics of knowledge production across multiple disciplines in relation to Women and Gender Studies (department-wide)
3. Students will be able to compare and distinguish historical understandings of gender in relation to structural inequality, social movements, and labor struggles (WGS 150)
4. Students will be able to explain and situate the ways citizenship is shaped through both the institutional foundations of governance and ideological mechanisms of politics (WGS 160)
5. Students will be able to examine women and gender in relation of race, class, sexuality, colonialism, multiculturalism, and/or globalization (WGS 200)
6. Students will be able to conceptualize and analyze gender and feminism in a transnational framework and from an interdisciplinary perspective, using a range of methodological tools while also demonstrating writing proficiency (WGS 300)
7. Students will be able to integrate their academic studies in Women and Gender Studies into their professional goals and be able to formulate and implement theoretically informed political, cultural, and community action (WGS 690 and WGS 698)

General Education

Students may double-count a maximum of 12 units for both General Education and the Women and Gender Studies major.

Credit/No credit

A maximum of 9 units within the major can be taken credit/no credit, but students are strongly urged to take all courses within the major for letter grades.

The major requires at least 39 units, of which 30 must be at the upper division level. Twelve units must be completed in the Women and Gender Studies core courses. Of the 27 elective units, 21 units of electives must be Women and Gender Studies courses and six units of electives may be taken in other departments upon advisement.

Women and Gender Studies majors who have successfully completed WGS 300GW in spring 2010 or thereafter will have satisfied the University Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).

Women and Gender Studies (B.A.) — 39 units

Core Courses (12 units)

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<td>Senior Seminar</td>
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<td>Feminist Praxis and the Non-Profit Industrial Complex</td>
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Elective Courses (27 units)

Electives in Women and Gender Studies courses (a maximum of six elective units may be lower-division and six units can be taken outside the WGS department (in other SF State departments or at other colleges/universities on issues, topics, or skills based upon academic interests and goals. Approval by a women and gender studies advisor is mandatory.)

Note: A minimum of 40 upper division units must be completed for the degree (including upper division units required for the major, general education, electives, etc.). A student can complete this major yet not attain the necessary number of upper division units required for graduation. In this case, additional upper division courses will be needed to reach the required total.

Complementary Studies

Students completing a Bachelor of Arts in Women and Gender Studies are required to complete twelve units in complementary studies. Complementary Studies provides students with the opportunity to make connections across disparate forms of knowledge and inquiry. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix other than WGS and not cross-listed with WGS, and may be lower or upper division units, as well as resident or transfer units. Students who complete two majors or a major and minor automatically complete the complementary studies requirement. Otherwise, WGS majors can fulfill this requirement through one of six pathways:

1. 12 units through the study of a single language and/or literature other than English;
2. any 12 units taken in the College of Ethnic Studies;
3. 12 units from partial completion of a minor or certificate;
4. 12 units taken in an approved study abroad program (e.g., CSU Study Abroad); or,
5. 12 units from a coherent group of courses approved by a major advisor as complementary to the major.

Upon approval of the student’s major advisor, up to six units of Complementary Studies may be used towards the WGS major (under the existing “outside coursework” allotment).

General Education Requirements

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### Bachelor of Arts in Women and Gender Studies

**Written English**
- **Communication**: LD 3 A2

**Critical Thinking**
- **LD**: 3 A3

**Physical Science**
- **LD**: 3 B1

**Life Science**
- **LD**: 3 B2

**Lab Science**
- **LD**: 1 B3

**Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning**
- **LD**: 3 B4

**Arts**
- **LD**: 3 C1

**Humanities**
- **LD**: 3 C2

**Arts or Humanities**
- **LD**: 3 C1 or C2

**Social Sciences**
- **LD**: 3 D1

**Social Sciences: US History**
- **LD**: 3 D2

**Social Sciences: US & CA Government**
- **LD**: 3 D3

**Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)**
- **LD**: 3 E

**Physical and/or Life Science**
- **UD**: 3 UD-B

**Arts and/or Humanities**
- **UD**: 3 UD-C

**Social Sciences**
- **UD**: 3 UD-D

### SF State Studies

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.

| **American Ethnic and Racial Minorities** | **LD or UD** | **3** | **AERM** |
| **Environmental Sustainability** | **LD or UD** | **3** | **ES** |
| **Global Perspectives** | **LD or UD** | **3** | **GP** |
| **Social Justice** | **LD or UD** | **3** | **SJ** |

**Transfer Student Roadmap (2 Years)**

For students with an AA-T in Social Justice Studies. [This roadmap opens in a new tab.](#)

### General Advising Information for Transfer Students

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
   • a course in U.S. History
   • a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit http://www.assist.org. Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

   • Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 units/90 quarters required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division general education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.

All Students Must Meet the Transfer Eligibility Requirements Outlined Below for Admission.

For more information, visit the Undergraduate Admissions section.

   • Complete 60 or more transferable semester units or 90 or more quarter units
   • Earn a college grade point average of 2.0 or better in all transferable courses. Non-local area residents may be held to a higher GPA standard.
   • Be in good standing at the last college or university attended
   • Complete 30-semester units (45-quarter units) of general education, including four basic skills courses:
     a. One course in oral communication (same as CSU GE Area A1)
     b. One course in written composition (same as CSU GE Area A2)
     c. One course in critical thinking (same as CSU GE Area A3)
     d. One course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning (same as CSU GE Area B4)
   • The four basic skills courses and a minimum of 60 transferable semester units (90-quarter units) must be completed by the spring semester prior to fall admission, or by the fall semester prior to spring admission. Earn a "C-" or better grade in each basic skills course.