MASTER OF ARTS IN WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

Admission to Program

In order to be admitted to the program, students must meet all general university requirements. The most competitive candidates will have a minimum of nine to twelve undergraduate WGS or equivalent units with previous work in the feminist study of some or all of the following areas: race, gender, sexuality, colonialism, labor, disability. Students are expected to possess a grade point average of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester units attempted for the bachelor’s degree.

Applicants must provide the department graduate admissions committee with the following items:

1. transcripts of all previous coursework;
2. a written statement of background, intentions, and goals, including experience in Women and Gender Studies and with feminist literatures, rationale for pursuing the M.A., and relation of the M.A. in Women and Gender Studies to prior academic work and to career objectives;
3. two letters of reference from individuals with direct knowledge of the applicant’s scholarly ability.

For admission, applications are due February 1.

Written English Proficiency Requirement

The University has a requirement for written English proficiency that is to be assessed at two different levels.

Level One
Evaluated on the pre-admittance writing sample.

Level Two
Evaluated through written portions of the culminating experience of WGS 894, WGS 895, WGS 896EXM or WGS 898.

Advancement to Candidacy

The Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) is filed after the student has completed a minimum of 12 units, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, and not later than the semester before graduating. Once the ATC is approved, the student is advanced to candidacy.

Women and Gender Studies (M.A.) — 30 units
Core Courses (18 units)

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<td>WGS 820</td>
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Culminating Experience (3 units)

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Related Field Units (9 units)
(upon approval of graduate advisor)

WGS 797 Advanced Feminist Graduate Literatures (3 units) is recommended in the second year.