

# Women's Studies Program

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The women's studies minor provides a rigorous interdisciplinary framework for engaging with an increasingly pluralistic culture and for studying the intersections of gender, race, class and religion with women's experiences. Women's studies offers students across campus the unique opportunity to think through gender issues from a Christian perspective and to articulate, share and critique feminist views in light of biblical and theological traditions.

## Requirements for a Women's Studies Minor (21)

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| Required core courses:                         | 9  |
| WS 201 Introduction to Women's Studies         | 3  |
| WS 301 Faith and Gender in Film and Literature | 3  |
| WS 401 Seminar in Women's Studies              | 3  |
| Twelve credits from the following:             | 12 |
| BI 106 Biology of Women                        |    |
| EL 225 Women Writers                           |    |
| EL 307W Women in American Fiction              |    |
| EL 342 British Women Writers                   |    |
| PO 334 Gender, Politics, and Law               |    |
| PY 223 Psychology of Women                     |    |
| RE 196 Topics in Religion (Women's Studies)    |    |
| RE 396 Topics in Religion (Women's Studies)    |    |
| SO 243 Marriage, Sex and Gender                |    |
| TH 396 Topics in Theatre (Women's Studies)     |    |
| WS 196 Special Topics in Women's Studies       |    |
| WS 396 Special Topics in Women's Studies       |    |
| WS 399 Tutoring in Women's Studies             |    |

## Women's Studies Courses

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| <b>WS 196 Topics in Women's Studies</b>   | <b>1-3</b> |
| Selected lower-division topics in women's studies. Periodic offering.   |            |
| <b>WS 201 Introduction to Women's Studies</b>   | <b>3</b>   |
| Emphasis on women's social, political and personal experience. Includes classic and contemporary feminist theory; patterns of male/female relationships; health, gender and medicine; women and poverty; homelessness; gender role socialization; women in the workforce; sexual harassment; domestic life; spirituality; a service-learning component; and the history and variety of women's protest in America. Spring semester. |            |
| <b>WS 301 Faith and Gender in Film and Literature</b>   | <b>3</b>   |
| Explores how religious beliefs shape our cultural and personal understandings of gender roles and gender identity. Even years.  |            |
| <b>WS 396 Topics in Women's Studies</b>   | <b>1-3</b> |
| Selected upper-division topics in women's studies. Periodic offering.   |            |
| <b>WS 399 Tutoring in Women's Studies</b>   | <b>1-3</b> |
| Tutors lead small, voluntary discussion groups affiliated with a women's studies course. Activities vary depending on the nature of the course assignment. May include, but is not limited to, tutoring on course material, advising on projects and papers, leading discussion groups. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: junior standing and permission of the instructor.  |            |

**WS 401 Seminar in Women's Studies****3**

Seniors integrate women's studies methods and theories with their major discipline. Explores influence of gender in the major institutions of society: family, school, church and the workplace. Students engage in creative projects, research or internships of their choice. Spring semester.

**Directed Studies**

Independent Studies (191, 291, 391, 491); Readings (386, 486); Internships (290, 490); Field Studies (280, 480); and Teaching Assistantships (395, 495). See Page 169 for details.