

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES, BA

The Women's and Gender Studies major emphasizes an interdisciplinary framework in which students explore and synthesize multiple perspectives on historical and contemporary issues concerning women, gender, and sexuality. This approach stresses intersectional analysis of gender and sexuality in relation to race, ethnicity, class, culture, nationality, ability, and other factors that shape experiences, identities, cultural productions, and ways of knowing. The Women's and Gender Studies curriculum also examines social institutions and networks of power while considering avenues of resistance, justice, and transformation. Courses are taught from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, by faculty with expertise ranging from the humanities to the social sciences.

During their course of study at Roosevelt University, Women's and Gender Studies majors learn to:

- Communicate clearly and effectively in written, oral, and/or digital formats;
- Select and employ appropriate research methodologies and methods;
- Define and deploy keywords and concepts in women's, gender, and sexuality studies;
- Understand histories and undertake practices of civic engagement; and
- Critically analyze, compare, and/or evaluate texts and theories.

The Women's and Gender Studies major provides a valuable foundation for careers in education, journalism, business, public affairs, the arts, the humanities, and the social sciences.

The Women's and Gender Studies major consists of 30 credit hours of coursework:

- 1 required course at the 100-level: WGS 110: Gender Justice. (3 credit hours)
- 4 required courses at the 200-level. (12 credit hours)
- 5 elective courses at the 300 level: 3 electives must be WGS core courses at the 300-level (chosen from WGS 303 – 399), and 2 electives may be WGS core courses at the 300-level or interdisciplinary electives at the 300-level for WGS credit. (15 credit hours)

A WGS core course originates in the WGS program and has the "WGS" prefix. An interdisciplinary elective for WGS credit has the "Women's and Gender Studies" attribute.

All courses counting toward the WGS major must be passed with a C- or higher.

WGS majors who are transfer students must complete at least 12 credit hours at Roosevelt University. For all majors, at least 9 credit hours must be completed at the 300-level.

Introductory Course: 1 required	3
WGS 110 GENDER JUSTICE	
Core 200 Level Courses: 4 required	12
WGS 201 SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES	

WGS 214	GLOBAL VOICES	
WGS 216	POPULAR CULTURE AND POWER	
WGS 218	ACTION: INTERSECTION & COALITION	
WGS 220	POLITICS OF SEX	
WGS 222	SEX AND GENDER IN THE CITY	
Core 300 Level Electives: At least 3 required		9
WGS 303	TOPICS IN GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS	
WGS 304	TOPICS IN IDENTITY, KNOWLEDGE, AND POWER	
WGS 305	TOPICS IN CULTURE AND REPRESENTATION	
WGS 306	TOPICS IN ACTION, ADVOCACY, AND RESISTANCE	
WGS 307	TOPICS IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES	
WGS 308	TOPICS IN FEMINIST THEORIES	
WGS 311	FEMINISM AND WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	
WGS 312	GLOBAL FEMINIST ETHICS	
WGS 313	THE BODY: AGENCY, PAIN, DESIRE	
WGS 314	FASHION: THE POLITICS OF STYLE	
WGS 315	WHAT IS A FAMILY?	
WGS 399	INTERNSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY	
Interdisciplinary 300 Level Electives: At most 2 permitted		6
Consult current schedule of classes for full list of electives for WGS credit, or contact WGS Advisor.		

WGS 3XX (Core WGS 300 Level courses) or Recent Interdisciplinary Electives		
ART 374	WOMEN AND ART	
HIST 308	WOMEN & THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION	
HIST 383	WOMEN, GENDER, AND POWER IN UNITED STATES HISTORY	
POS 327	SEXUALITY, GENDER, AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS	
SOC 340	GENDER AND SOCIETY	
SOC 354	GENDER, POWER, & THE BODY	
General Education, University Writing Requirement, and Electives		90
Total Credit Hours		120

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Academic Communities of Practice		
ACP 101	FIRST YEAR SEMINAR ¹	3
ACP 110	PRIMARY TEXTS	3
ACP 250	FOUNDATIONS FOR CHANGE	3
English Composition ²		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
Humanities		

Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Speech and Women's and Gender Studies	9
Mathematics	
MATH 110 QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) ³	3
Non-Western requirement	
Non-Western course (can be used for Humanities or Social Sciences general education requirements)	3
RU mission-related course²	
LIBS 201 WRITING SOCIAL JUSTICE	3
Science	
One biological science and one physical science required (at least one must be a four-hour lab (not applicable for science majors))	7-8
Social Sciences	
Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies	9
Total Credit Hours	49-50

¹ Required for students who enter RU with fewer than 12 credit hours

² Minimum grade of C- required

³ Math, Computer Science & Technology, and Science majors have different requirements—see advisor

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences:

- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 66 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students must have a minimum of 90 hours in Arts and Sciences.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

Year 1			
Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
ACP 101		3 ACP 110	3
ENG 101		3 ENG 102	3
WGS 110		3 WGS 214 or 216	3
Humanities #1		3 Social Science #1	3
MATH 110		3 BIOL 111 or 112 ⁵	4
		15	16

Year 2			
Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
ACP 250 or LIBS 201		3 LIBS 201 or ACP 250	3
WGS 218 or 220		3 Social Science #2	3
Humanities #2		3 WGS 214 or 216	3
Physical Science ⁵		3 Humanities #3	3
General Elective ¹		3 General Elective ¹	3
		15	15

Year 3			
Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
WGS 218 or 220		3 WGS 3XX or WST 3XX ³	3
WGS 3XX ³		3 WGS 3XX or WST 3XX ³	3
Social Science #3		3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹		3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹		3 General Elective ¹	3
		15	15

Year 4			
Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
WGS 3XX ³		3 WGS 3XX or WST 3XX ³	3
General Elective ¹		3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹		3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹		3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹		3 General Elective ¹	3
		15	15

Total Credit Hours 121

¹ Or course towards an optional Minor.

² Any course at the 200 level within the discipline.

³ Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.

⁴ This requirement can be fulfilled by other requirements.

⁵ One Natural Science course must have a lab.