

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies
For students date of entry under UG Catalog 2023-2024

The Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS) requires the completion of 18 credits as outlined below. Three specific courses are required and three elective courses. Of the electives, at least one must be at the 3000 or 4000 level. Students must complete at least three credits of WGS coursework with a focus on gender and race (designated below with an *).

Advising: Questions may be answered by the Director of Women’s and Gender Studies Dr. Bonnie Zare, bonzare@vt.edu or the Academy of Transdisciplinary Studies Advisor.

Women's and Gender Studies Minor Required Courses: 9 credits

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| WGS 1824 | Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (3) |
| WGS 2114 | Feminist Theory (3) (Pre: WGS 1824) |
| WGS 4224 | Women’s Studies Seminar (3) (Pre: WGS 1824, WGS 2114) |

Electives: 9 credits

Select from the list below of Women’s and Gender Studies option electives:

2000 Level: Maximum of 6 credits

3000 or 4000 Level: Minimum of 3 credits.

Women’s and Gender Studies Minor Electives

Note: One elective must focus on gender and race as denoted by an asterisk on the list:

2000 Level:

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| AFST 2734 | The Black Woman in the U.S. (3)* |
| HD 2314 | Human Sexuality (3) |
| SOC 2514 (RLCL 2514) | Asian American Experience (3)* |
| WGS 2204 (AFST 2204) (RLCL 2204) | Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (3)* |
| WGS 2224 | Women and Creativity (3) (Pre: WGS 1824) |
| WGS 2264 (SOC 2264) (AFST 2264) | Race, Class, Gender, and Sexualities (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)* |
| WGS 2284 | Introduction to Queer Studies (3) or Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Issues (3) |
| WGS 2974 | Independent Study (variable credit) |

3000 Level:

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| AFST 3444 (CINE 3444) | African American Images in Film (3) (Pre: AFST 1714)* |
| ENGL 3364 | Topics in Literature by Women (3) (Pre: ENGL 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016) |
| HD 3114 | Issues in Aging (3) |
| HIST 3105 | Women in U.S. History (to 1865) (3) |
| HIST 3106 | Women in U.S. History (since 1865) (3) |
| PSCI 3256 | The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender (3) (Pre: PSCI 1014 or PSCI 1014H or PSCI 1024 or PSCI 1024H or IS 1024 or IS 1024H) |
| SOC 3014 | Gender Relations (3) (Pre: SOC 1004) |
| SOC 3614 | Gender and Work in the U.S. (3) (Pre: SOC 1004) |
| SOC 3714 | Sociology of Aging (3) (Pre: SOC 1004) |
| WGS 3004 | Topics in Feminism (3) (Pre: WGS 1824) |
| WGS 3014 (RLCL 3014) | Women and Gender in Islam (3) |
| WGS 3214 | Global Feminisms (3) (Pre: WGS 1824) |

4000 Level:

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| ENGL 4674 | Studies in Contemporary Culture (3) |
| ENGL 4684 | Special Topics in Literature (3) (Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H or COMM 1016) |
| HD 4364 | Gender and Family Diversity (3) (Pre: HD 2304) |
| SOC 4054 (APS 4034) | Appalachian Languages and Culture (3) |
| SOC 4124 (HUM 4124) | Topics in Culture (3) (Pre: SOC 1004 or SOC 1014 or AFST 1714 or AINS 1104 or RLCL 1004 or RLCL 2004 or WGS 1824) |
| WGS 4214 (UAP 4214) (GEOG 4214) | Gender, Environment, and International Development (3) (Pre: Junior Standing) |
| STS 4304 | Issues in Science, Tech & Society (When topic includes critical disability studies) (3) |
| WGS 4334 (STS 4334) | Sexual Medicine (3) (Pre: WGS 1824) |
| WGS 4704 (STS 4704) | Gender and Science (3) (Pre: WGS 2244 or STS 1504) |
| WGS 4754 | Internship (variable credit) (Pre: WGS 1824) with approval and department chair |
| WGS 4954 | Study Abroad (3) |
| WGS 4974 | Independent Study (3) |
| WGS 4994 | Undergraduate Research (Variable) |

Note: A minimum GPA of 2.0 in all courses taken to fulfill the minor is required.