



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
WHITEWATER

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

GENDER AND ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR

MISSION STATEMENT

Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies are interdisciplinary areas that explore new knowledge about women and ethnic minorities. The Gender and Ethnic Studies Minor allows students to explore the intersections of these two fields and to study the ways that gender and ethnicity shape each other and the social world. This minor broadens students' knowledge of the experiences and contributions of women and ethnic minorities. It complements many majors and was intended to be available as both an online and traditional face-to-face minor.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student learning outcomes (SLOs) are statements of what a student will know or be able to do when they have completed a program. They represent the knowledge and skills a program has determined are most important for students to gain from that program. The most useful SLOs are specific and measurable so the program can accurately assess the degree to which students have achieved each outcome, and they align with college and institution mission and values. Data on achievement of SLOs is used to make improvements in the program and increase student success.

Students who graduate from UW-Whitewater with a minor in Gender and Ethnic Studies will meet the following student learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the history and contributions of women and ethnic minorities;
- Think critically about cultural ideas about ethnicity and gender. Articulate in their own words theories about how and why social categories operate;
- Apply theories about gender and ethnicity to particular problems and situations;
- Demonstrate an awareness of the effects of social stratification on individuals and society;
- Evaluate sources in relation to gender and ethnic issues; and
- Write and speak with sensitivity and thoughtfulness about social issues relevant to gender and ethnicity.