

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan
B.A. Women's and Gender Studies
FALL 2023 Requirements

The curriculum in the Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a women's and gender studies degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
WOMENST 100 Intro to WGS or 120 Intro to LGBTQ	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity course	3
General Education Elective	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
WOMENST 180 Sex, Gender, and Health	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communications	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Total Credits	16

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). For the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, students must complete two semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the second level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English are eligible to waive the language requirement.

Opportunities: Joining a university-sponsored club and actively participating is strongly encouraged. Involvement in a club or activity will help you develop interpersonal skills, give you the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills, and adds to your resume. Some clubs that may be of particular interest to students with a Women's and Gender Studies major include SAGE: Students Allied for a Greener Earth, UWW Women in Economics, IMPACT: LGBT* & Allies, UWW QTPOC, and UWW PEACE: Peace, Education, Activism through Creative Engagement

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
WGS Humanities or Social Science course	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
BA World Language course	4
Minor Course	3
Total Credits	14-15

Spring Semester	Units
WGS Humanities or Social Science course	3
Women's and Gender Studies Elective course	3
BA World Language course	4
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
Minor Course	3
Total Credits	16

Opportunities: Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a certificate without extending time to degree. The College of Letters and Sciences offers 18 certificates to include LGBTQ* Studies, Diversity Leadership, Advocacy and Lobbying, Applied Research, Disability Studies, and Interdisciplinary Ethics. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers.



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

College of Letters
and Sciences

Women's and Gender Studies Department Contact Information

Laurentide Hall Room 4231 | 262-472-4233

www.edu/cls/departments/womens-studies

Third Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
WOMENST 390 Feminist and Queer Theories	3	WGS Non-Western/Global South/Minority course	3
Women's and Gender Studies Elective course	3	Women's and Gender Studies Elective course	3
BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement	3	Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

Opportunities: Women's and Gender Studies students are strongly encouraged to make internships part of their regular course work. An internship is a learning opportunity that provides students with hands-on experience in a potential career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship by the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year.

Undergraduate research is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
WOMENST 489 Advanced Seminar in WGS	3	Electives to total 120	12-15
Women's and Gender Studies Elective course	3		
BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement	3		
Minor course	3		
Minor course	3		
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	12-15

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new. Students can also declare a second major or additional minors or certificates to make the most out of the remaining credits to reach 120.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.

Curriculum effective date: Fall 2023



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

College of Letters
and Sciences