

Major in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies (WGS) is an interdisciplinary field that centers intersectional feminism. WGS explores the many ways that sexism, heterosexism, and other forms of oppression shape identities and impact lived experiences. WGS recognizes that the problem is unjust systems not individuals, that the personal is political, and that sexism and heteronormativity intersect with other forms of oppression such as racism, classism, and ableism. WGS centers the experiences of marginalized groups including people of color and those who are women, trans, queer, non binary, disabled, poor, and/or undocumented, among others.

The mission of the program is to empower students to reimagine the future and work towards liberation for all communities. WGS is not just about learning facts and theories, but also about praxis—using learned and experiential knowledge to become practitioners, researchers, learners, leaders and activists. WGS works to create an environment of learning and passionate commitment to the development and implementation of meaningful social change within the university and beyond.

University Core Curriculum Requirements

General Education Distribution Area	Cr. Hrs.
Fine Arts (FA)* 2 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: Art, CMT (Mass Media or Theatre), Music (includes Dance).	6
Humanities (HU)* 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: CMT (Communication), English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's and Gender Studies, World Languages and Cultures, (Note: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.)	9
Behavioral/Social Sciences (SB)* 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work	9
Natural Sciences (NS and NSL)** 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component (NSL): Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics (Note: If an FYE ANTH that counts as Natural Science is taken, only one Biology course may be used for Natural Science).	9

Engaged Learning Experiences

Students must complete, at Northeastern, three courses designated as Engaged Learning Experiences courses. One of the Engaged Learning Experiences courses must be at the 300-level, and one Engaged Learning Experiences course must be designated as "Boundary Crossing".

Discipline Specific (ELE-DS)

These courses have pre-requisites that are specific courses within a program of study. Discipline Specific courses give students a deeper understanding of how knowledge is created and applied in their field.

Boundary Crossing (ELE-X)

These are courses that cross disciplinary boundaries and/or cross boundaries through engagements outside the classroom or University allowing students to see how knowledge gained in one field might inform other fields or other aspects of society.

Math/Quantitative Reasoning (MA)

1 Math course, that has intermediate Algebra as prerequisite OR is a course listed on the General Education Distributive Learning List of Approved Courses. Any 3 hour college level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement.

* Majors in Fine Arts, Humanities or Social/Behavioral Sciences, may waive up to 6 credit hours of General Education requirements in the corresponding distribution area.

** Majors in Natural Sciences may waive up to 9 credit hours of General Education requirements in the Natural Sciences distribution area.

Students should also be aware of all other university requirements to obtain a degree - NEIU requirements (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/graduation-requirements/bachelors-degree/>)

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Majors in Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies (WGS) will fill out the WGS Major Declaration form in the Program office. All Women's and Gender Studies majors must complete six required courses (18 credit hours) and six courses of electives (18 credit hours) from at least two academic departments for a total of 36 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
WGS-101	Introduction To Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies	3
WGS-300	Feminist Activism	3
WGS-302	Feminist Theory	3
WGS-303	Writing Intensive Program: The Power Of Writing: Interdisciplinarity As Critical Practice	3
WGS-323	Internship In Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies	3
WGS-350	Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies Seminar	3
Electives from at least 2 departments		18
Total Hours		36

Students choose from a list of elective courses (WGS or cross-listed) that encourages an interdisciplinary approach to Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies and will expose them to the widest variety of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies faculty. Elective courses which do not appear on the electives list below must be approved by the major advisor or coordinator and may not exceed 6 credit hours. Elective courses must be distributed among at least two different disciplines or departments.

Code	Title	Hours
Electives		
Anthropology		
ANTH-307	Anthropology Of Gender, Sexuality And The Body	3
ANTH-311	Designing Your Future: Next Steps	1
ANTH-325	Archaeology Of Sex, Gender, And Sexuality	3
Communication, Media and Theatre		
CMTC-313	Communication, Gender & Identity	3
CMTM-377	Gender And Media	3
CMTT-337	Women In Playwriting	3
Educational Foundations		
EDFN-314L	Gender, Race, And Class Issues In Education	3
English		
ENGL-303	Contemporary LGBTQ+ Literature	3
ENGL-349G	Gloria Anzaldúa: A Deep Dive	3
ENGL-367	Re-Thinking Race And Gender	3
ENGL-371	Studies In Women's Literature	3
ENGL-372	American Women Writers Of The Nineteenth Century	3
History		
HIST-309	The History Of Disability	3
HIST-315	Women In Medieval Society	3
HIST-338	Women In American History	3
HIST-339A	Sexuality And Intimacy In America	3
HIST-365	The History Of Women And Gender In Muslim Societies	3
HIST-373	Women & Gender In African History	3
Justice Studies		

JUST-311	Women, Crime, And The Criminal Justice System	3
JUST-321	Violence Against Women	3
JUST-322	Women, Justice And The Law	3
JUST-324	Women As Political Prisoners	3
JUST-325	Women And Revolution: Theories Of Justice	3
JUST-328	Social Justice & LGBTQ Issues	3
JUST-355	LGBTQ Communities & Crime	3
Linguistics		
LING-330	Language, Gender, And Sexuality	3
Latina/o/x & Latin American Studies		
LLAS-340	Latina/x Feminisms & Social Media	3
LLAS-349	Gloria Anzaldúa: A Deep Dive	3
Philosophy		
PHIL-353	Feminism And The Philosophy Of Science	3
PHIL-366	Feminist Ethics	3
PHIL-370	Re-Thinking Race And Gender	3
PHIL-373	Feminist Philosophy	3
PHIL-374	Philosophy Of Sex	
Political Science		
PSCI-322	Women And Political Influence In The 21st Century	3
PSCI-373	Gender And Politics	3
PSCI-398	Law And Social Change	3
Psychology		
PSYC-312	Psychological Development In Women	3
Sociology		
SOC-105	Social Inequalities And Social Change	3
SOC-214	Sociology Of Intimacy, Marriages And Families	3
SOC-270	Sociology Of Latinas	3
SOC-306	Women, Gender And The "F Word"	3
SOC-307	Men & Masculinities	3
SOC-329	Sociology Of Violence	3
SOC-332	Schools, Domination & Liberation: Sociology Of Education	3
SOC-340	Sociology Of Sexualities	3
SOC-344	African American Women:Feminism, Race, And Resistance	3
SOC-347	Sociology Of Media	3
SOC-352	Sociology Of HIV/AIDS	3
Social Work		
SWK-300	Human Sexuality And Social Work	3
SWK-312	Women And Social Work	3
SWK-320	Domestic Violence Social Work:Theory And Practice	3
Urban Community Studies		
UCS-341	Motherhood Studies In The Urban Community	3
Women's and Gender Studies		
WGS-150	Women's Self-Defense	1
WGS-210	Introduction To Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer Studies	3
WGS-310	Lesbian & Queer Cultures: Identities, Histories & Resistance	3
WGS-311	Power, Knowledge & Communities: Feminists Engagements With Education	3
WGS-312	Women & Global Human Rights	3
WGS-313	Radical Feminist Imagination	3
WGS-316	Science And The Gendered Body	3
WGS-320	Feminisms In Islam	3
WGS-321	Internship In Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies	1

WGS-322	Internship In Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies	2
WGS-331	Independent Study In Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies	1
WGS-332	Independent Study In Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies	2
WGS-333	Independent Study In Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies	3
WGS-349	Gloria Anzaldúa: A Deep Dive	3
WGS-360	Queer Theory	3
WGS-361	Queer Latin American Narrative And Film	3
WGS-362	Gender And Sexuality In Latin American And Latinx Resistance Movements	3

This sample curricular map is provided to guide you in the planning of your progression for this major. This guide should not replace regular consultations with your program advisor. For specific recommendations of courses not identified, please consult your program advisor.

First Year

Term 1		Hours
ENGL-101	Writing I	3
General Education-Social/Behavioral		3
General Education-Natural Science		3
General Education-Humanities		3
General Education-Fine Arts		3

Term Hours **15**

Term 2		
WGS-101	Introduction To Women's, Gender Sexuality Studies	3
General Education-Social/Behavioral		3
General Education-Humanities		3
General Education-Quantitative		3
Elective		3

Term Hours **15**

Second Year

Term 1		
WGS-303	Writing Intensive Program: The Power Of Writing: Interdisciplinarity As Critical Practice	3
WGS Elective		3
General Education-Social/Behavioral		3
General Education-Natural Science		3
General Education-Fine Arts		3

Term Hours **15**

Term 2		
WGS-300	Feminist Activism	3
WGS Elective		3
General Education-Social/Behavioral		3
General Education-Natural Science		3
General Education-Humanities		3

Term Hours **15**

Third Year

Term 1		
WGS-302	Feminist Theory	3
WGS Elective		3
Elective/Minor		3
Elective		3
Elective		3

Term Hours **15**

Term 2		
WGS Elective		3
WGS Elective		3
Elective/Minor		3
Elective/Minor		3

Elective		3
Term Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Term 1		
WGS-323	Internship In Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies	3
WGS Elective		3
Elective/Minor		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Term Hours		15
Term 2		
WGS-350	Women's, Gender And Sexuality Studies Seminar	3
Elective/Minor		3
Elective/Minor		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Term Hours		15
Total Hours:		120