



# University of Pittsburgh

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Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program*

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## UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Our Program is an interdisciplinary academic program focusing on gender, sexuality, and women. Our courses and cross-listed courses in various departments across the university provide opportunities for all students to broaden their understandings of the changing role of gender in the United States and globally. Students who want to explore the intersection of gender with race, class, ethnicity, nation, religion, ability, age, sex, and sexuality will find courses of interest, as will students who want to know more about the role of women, gender, and sexuality in history, in literature and the arts, in media and science. Students who plan careers in medicine, the creative arts, social work, education, counseling, law, therapy, academia, and business find that our courses enhance their professional activities. Still others report that the confidence and insight that they acquire in such courses enriches their lives regardless of their particular career.

We offer an 18-credit Undergraduate "Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies," which is recorded on the student's transcript. Transfer courses will be accepted on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of 2 courses. A cumulative QPA of 2.00 is required in courses applying to the certificate. Enrollment and completion of the certificate require:

**Enrollment:** See the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Undergraduate Advisor [Frayda Cohen, frcst5@pitt.edu] to complete the following two forms:

- The UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE ADVISING FORM should be filed with the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Undergraduate Advisor as soon as possible and no later than the semester prior to graduation. The form is available from the Advisor.
- UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM CHANGE FORM should be filed with the appropriate Dean's office as soon as possible and no later than the semester prior to graduation. The form is available in the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program suite.

**Advising:** All Certificate students are expected to meet at least once a year with the Undergraduate Advisor to update files and discuss what courses are needed to fulfill Certificate requirements.

### Course Requirements (Details on back):

- GSWS 0100 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
- GSWS 0500 Introduction to Feminist Theory OR GSWS 0550 Sex and Sexualities (though students may take both courses)
- 3 ELECTIVE courses from at least 2 different academic departments or programs (including GSWS). Courses must be approved for GSWS credit (consult Pitt's course description website for current listings: <http://www.courses.as.pitt.edu/>).
- A minimum of 1 ADVANCED GSWS INTERDISCIPLINARY course (1000-level).

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### CORE COURSES 6 credits OR 2 courses (minimum)

Preferably to be completed early in student's academic program  
GSWS 0100 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies  
GSWS 0500 Introduction to Feminist Theory OR  
GSWS 0550 Sex and Sexualities

*Students are advised to take all three core courses to cover the key areas of study.*

### ELECTIVE COURSES 9 credits OR 3 courses

If you have identified a course with a focus on women, gender or sexuality that is NOT found at this website, you may see the GSWS Studies Undergraduate Advisor to petition to have the course counted towards the requirement. Three courses must be from at least two different academic departments or programs.

**Some** approved courses are:

ADMJ 1242	Gender, Race, Class, and Crime	GSWS 0200	Sex, Race, and Popular Culture.
AFRCNA 0054	Man/Woman Literature	HIST 1662	Topics in Women's History
ANTH 1772	Anthropology of Women	LEGLST 1315	Sex, Law, and Marriage
ENGCMP 0203	Seminar in Composition: Gender Studies	PSY 0184	Psychology of Gender
ENGLIT 0610	Women and Literature	RELGST 1684	Gender and the Jewish Tradition
ENGLIT 0630	Sexuality and Representation	SOC 0446	Sociology of Gender
FR 1085	Women's Voices in French Literature	SOC 1448	Working Women

*Either GSWS 1900 ( Internship) Or GSWS 1901 Independent Study may be used to meet an elective requirement, but in this case, the two other courses must each be in different departments.*

GSWS 1900: GSWS Internship. Provides students the opportunity to extend their academic training beyond the classroom. For more information about possible sites, please make an appointment with the GSWS Undergraduate Advisor. A proposal outlining the purpose of the internship and its relevance to GSWS is required. To be eligible for an internship, you must satisfy the following:

1. Must have completed 60 credits and be in good academic standing.
2. Must have completed at least 4 courses toward the WS certificate.
3. Internship must complement one's academic preparation.
4. Special Permission from the WS Undergraduate Advisor required.

GSWS 1901: Independent Study. Provides students the opportunity to pursue an area of special interest beyond what is offered in the regular curriculum. A proposal outlining the purpose of the study, the relevance to gender, sexuality, or women's studies, and a plan of study including bibliography and course products (papers, annotated bibliography, film presentation, etc.) must be approved by a professor who agrees to supervise the work. The proposal must be submitted to the WS Undergraduate Advisor prior to registering for the course.

1. Must have 2 courses in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies and 2 courses in a discipline appropriate to the independent study.
2. Special permission from the GSWS Undergraduate Advisor required.

### **INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE 3 credits OR 1 course (minimum)**

*GSWS 0100 and GSWS 0500 (or 0550) are prerequisites for these courses*

GSWS 1140 Special Topics in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies  
GSWS 1150 Global Feminisms  
GSWS 1170 Queer Theory  
GSWS 1180 Politics of Gender and Food  
GSWS 1190 Masculinities