PRESENT

Major

The Women’s Studies Department offers a coherent interdisciplinary curriculum with a major field of study in the areas of gender and sexuality. Each student is required to take a total of 48 units.

At the upper-division level, the department provides concentrations in gender and cultural production, gender and families, sexualities and gender, and gender and work.

University Requirements

See Undergraduate Studies section.

College Requirements

See College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Colleges and Programs section.

Major Requirements

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Women’s Studies are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (42 units)
   
   a) WMST 001
   
   b) Two of the following: WMST 010, WMST 020, WMST 030 or WMST 030H

PROPOSED:

Major

The Women's Studies Department offers a coherent interdisciplinary curriculum with a major field of study in the areas of gender and sexuality. Each student is required to take a total of twelve (12) courses.

At the upper-division level, the department provides concentrations in gender and cultural production, gender and families, sexualities and gender, and gender and work.

University Requirements

See Undergraduate Studies section.

College Requirements

See College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Colleges and Programs section.

Major Requirements

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Women's Studies are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (three (3) courses)
   
   a) WMST 001
   
   b) Two of the following: WMST 010, WMST 020, WMST 030 or WMST 030H
2. Upper-division requirements (36 units)

   a) WMST 100

   b) At least two of the following: WMST 193, WMST 195, WMST 198-I

   c) Twenty-four (24) units of electives chosen from the list below with the following distribution requirements:

      (1) Four (4) units of course work focusing on African American women, Asian American women, Chicanas/Latinas, or Native American women in the United States or on women from societies in Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, or Africa

      (2) Four (4) units of course work focusing on issues of sexuality, sexual orientation, sexual identification, or masculinity and femininity

      (3) No more than 4 units in WMST 190, WMST 193, WMST 195, or WMST 198-I

Elective Course Work (no change)

JUSTIFICATION: The move from 4 to 5 units among the Core courses for the departmental major requires recalculating the requirements for the major and minor. We understand that moving from the previous requirement in units to whole courses may limit the number of free electives a major or minor may take. Our concern was not to reduce the de facto number of courses devoted to the major or minor.

Effective: Immediately upon approval.
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