

Augustana College

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Courses required for the first year: None
Courses recommended for the first year: WGSS 130, WGSS 230, WGSS 250, WGSS 270
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Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective	Prerequisites	Usually Offered	Credits
WGSS 130	Introduction to Gender Studies	PS	None	F, SP	4
WGSS 230	Gender, Power, and Transnational Perspectives	PS, G	None	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 235	Gender and Sexuality	PH, D	None	TBD	4
WGSS 250	Critical Race Feminism	PH, D	None	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 270	Queer Art	PA	None	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 330	Feminist Theories	PH, D	WGSS-130 or with the permission of the professor	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 335	Masculinity in American Culture	PS, D	None	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 340	Global Masculinities	PS, G	None	TBD	4
WGSS 350	Queer Theories	PL, D	WGSS-130 or with the permission of the professor	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 360	Feminism and Grassroots Activism	PS, G	Study Abroad to India	Program on hold	4
WGSS 365	Reading Global Thinking Local	None	Study Abroad to India, WGSS 360	Program on hold	4
WGSS 370	Gender and Social Justice	D	None	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 400	Independent Study	N/A	None	F, SP	1
WGSS 411	Capstone Presentation	None	WGSS 330 or WGSS 350	F, SP	0
WGSS 430	Applied Gender/Sexuality	None	WGSS 330 or WGSS 350	as needed	4

	Studies (Senior Inquiry)				
WGSS 499	Directed Studies	None	None	F, SP	1
WGSS INTR	Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Internship	None	None	F, SP	0-9

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Major: 28 credits, Minor: 16 credits

Major in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS): 28 credits

- Foundations course: WGSS 130: Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (4 credits)
- Theory course: WGSS 330: Feminist Theories or WGSS 350: Queer Theories (4 credits)
- Senior Inquiry experience: WGSS 430: Applied Gender/Sexuality Studies (4 credits) or a 4-credit SI project in another department if the project fulfills the objectives of WGSS and is approved by the WGSS Faculty Working Board. The SI may be a research paper, an internship, or an activism project. Prereq: WGSS 330.
- WGSS 411: 0-credit capstone experience (a formal presentation of your Senior Inquiry at a WGSS Tea Talk). Graded as Pass/Fail.
- 8 credits of approved elective courses. At least 4 of these credits must be at the 300 level.
- 8 additional credits of WGSS program courses. At least 4 of these credits must be at the 300 level.

Minor in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS): 16 credits

- Foundations course: WGSS 130: Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (4 credits)
- Theory course: WGSS 330: Feminist Theories or WGSS 350: Queer Theories (4 credits)
- 4 credits of approved elective courses. May be taken at any level.
- 4 additional credits of WGSS program courses. May be taken at any level.

Elective Courses: Any of the following courses can contribute as electives to the WGSS major and minor.

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspectives	Credits
ARHI 374	African Art	PP, G	4
BIOL 310	Evolutionary Biology	None	4
CLAS 212W/312W	Classical Mythology	PL, G	4
CLAS 228W/328W	Classical Epic	PH	4
CLAS 240/340	Women in Antiquity	PS, G	4
CLAS 345	Race and Ethnicity in Antiquity	PS, G	4

COMM 203	Listening	None	2
COMM 204	Mediating Conversation	None	2
COMM 205	Sustaining Dialogue	None	2
COMM 210B	Sexual Communication	PH	4
COMM 240	Advertising & Consumer Culture	PS	4
DISA 200	Disability and Society	PH, D	4
ENGL 255	Women in Literature	PL, D	4
ENGL 295	Women, Health, South Asian Literature	PH, G	4
ENGL 345	Empire and Outsiders	G	4
ENGL 355	Women Writers and Feminist Theory	D	4
FREN 311	Masculinity in Rabelais	None	2
FREN 361	French Women Writers	None	4
HIST 123	Women and Gender in Latin America, 1492-Present	PP, G	4
HIST 220	Black Women in the US	None	4
HIST 230	Bodies of Evidence: Scientific Racism in US History	PP, D	4
HIST 324	Borders and Crossings: Latin America and Latinos in the US, 1830-Present	None	4
HIST 333	Disease and Health	None	4
HIST 340	Gender in US History	PP, D	4
RELG 284/384	Buddhism and Film	PS, G	4
MJMC 404	Advanced Multimedia Project	None	4
MJMC 420	Race, Gender, and Media	D	4
POLS 335	Gender and Sexuality in American Politics	PS, D	4
PSYC 130	Victim Advocacy	None	2
PSYC 135	Bystander Intervention	None	1
PSYC 226	Human Sexuality	None	4
PSYC 228	Psychology of Prejudice	D	4

PSYC 416	The Psychology of Gender	None	4
PUBH 273	Reproductive Justice	PH, D	4
PUBH 306	Sexuality and Health Education	None	4
RELG 362	Race, Ethnicity, Religion	PS, D	4
RELG 263/363	Sexual Ethics	PH	4
RELG 284/384	Buddhism and Film	PH, G	4
RELG 374	Gender and the Bible	PL	4
SOAN 221	Inequality in America	PP, D	4
SOAN 222	Popular Culture	PS, D	4
SOAN 322	Anthropology of Latin America	PS, G	4
SOAN 325	Global Connections	PS, G	4
SOAN 327	Gender in Society	PS, D	4
SOAN 328	Feminist Anthropology	PS, G	4
SOAN 329	American Race and Ethnic Relations	D	4
SOAN 330	Social Movements	PH, D	4
SOAN 332	Love and Sex	PS, G	4
SPST 250	Women's Narratives of the Spanish Civil War	PL, G	4
THEA 100W	Introduction to Theatre	PA	4
THEA 243	LGBTQ Theatre History	PP, D	4
THEA 343	Modern and Contemporary Theatre	PH, D	4
WGSS 230	Gender, Power, and Transnational Perspectives	PS, G	4
WGSS 235	Gender & Sexuality	PH, D	4
WGSS 250	Critical Race Feminism	PH, D	4
WGSS 330	Feminist Theories	PH, D	4
WGSS 335	Masculinity in American Culture	PS, D	4
WGSS 340	Global Masculinities	PS, G	4

WGSS 350	Queer Theories	PL, D	4
WGSS 360	Feminism and Grassroots Activities	PS, G	4
WGSS 365	Reading Global, Thinking Local	None	4
WGSS 370	Gender and Social Justice	D	4

Major Overview

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is a growing discipline involving new scholarship that is both interdisciplinary **and** focused within departmental offerings. The WGSS-coded classes demonstrate the connections between fields such as the humanities and social sciences.

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is taught from a global perspective, and WGSS-230 meets Augustana's "G" (global) requirement. Due to the growth of international feminist movements, including the establishment of research centers, cultural and artistic groups, publishing companies and political action groups, internships are available.

In addition to the major and minor, the Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Program helps to sponsor lectures, visiting scholars, films and other events.

Many WGSS graduates have continued their interest beyond the B.A. degree. For information about graduate school programs, internships and entry-level job opportunities, contact WGSS faculty.

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