



“ Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception. ”

RUTH BADER GINSBURG

What is WGS?

Women's and Gender Studies examines all aspects of femininity, masculinity, and sexuality studies. It fulfills the UIW mission of the Catholic tradition of inquiry that fosters a reverence for the dignity of each human being as one created in the image of God.

Why is Women's & Gender Studies Important?

- Knowledge is the best way to fight gender inequality.
- The concentration offers a strong appreciation for diversity.
- It helps to shape the future generations.
- Students will learn the history of female activism and how to create social change and justice to communities.
- It promotes critical thinking and communication skills.

REAL PEOPLE REAL JOBS

What kind of job can you get with a degree in Women's Gender Studies?

- Administrator of a human services department
- Advocate for victims of domestic violence
- Artist
- Associate director of a human rights organization
- Business owner
- Clergy
- Communications consultant
- Coordinator of a women's health clinic
- Director of social service agency
- Executive director of a foundation
- Journalist
- Law enforcement officer
- Novelist
- Nurse practitioner
- Physician
- Professor
- Program director of a rape crisis center
- Psychologist
- Psychotherapist
- Public health educator
- Public relations director
- Social worker
- Teacher



"How came Jesus into the world? Through God who created him and woman who bore him. Man, where is your part?"

Sojourner Truth

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

WGS

Mission of Women's & Gender Studies:

To provide students with ways to make their own voices heard and to recognize those groups who have often been silenced.




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Equality Includes Everyone

WGS Faculty

Dr. Michele Aichele (Music)
Dr. Adrienne Ambrose (Religious Studies)
Dr. Emily Clark (English)
Dr. LuElla D'Amico (English)
Dr. Ann David (Education)
Dr. Georgen Guerrero (Criminal Justice)
Dr. Dorothy Haecker (Philosophy)
Dr. Sharon Herbers (Education)
Sr. Martha A. Kirk, ThD (Religious Studies)
Dr. Brandon Metroka (Political Science)
Dr. Julie Miller (Religious Studies)
Dr. Lopita Nath (History)
Dr. Doshie Piper (Criminal Justice)
Dr. Zazil Reyes García (Comm Arts)
Dr. Tanja Stampfl (English)
Dr. Michelle Tabit (History)



**"FOR MOST
OF HISTORY,
ANONYMOUS
WAS A
WOMAN"**

Virginia Woolf

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Women Who Inspire

"Harriet Beecher Stowe, Sojourner Truth, and Nancy Drew are my feminist role models. In their own ways, they inspire you not only to think critically about the world but also to take reflective action when it is unjust."

Dr. D'Amico

"My feminist role models: Virginia Woolf, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and my Mom, because all three have shown me that obstacles should never stand in the way of your goals and dreams."

Dr. Clark

"My feminist icons are Rosie the Riveter, Judith Butler, and Fatima Mernissi, because they represent for me the interdisciplinary social, cultural, and theoretical aspects of women and gender."

Dr. Stampfl

"U.S. Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan for their persistence in equality issues before the Court, as well as Sylvia Rivera, Marsha P. Johnson, and all the other courageous figures who long worked, with little recognition, to affirm and assist gender non-conforming communities."

Dr. Metroka

"Gloria Anzaldúa is my feminist icon because she is a proud, queer, Chicana who writes powerful and beautiful poetry/theory about the impacts of colonialism on those who live on the borderlands. She masterfully uses Spanglish to speak of the pain and beauty of being a mestiza, a person split by many borders."

Dr. Reyes García

WGS Concentration 18 Credit Hours

Choose the path that's right for you!

Total Required Courses (9 hours):

ENGL 3347 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
PHIL 3395 Feminist Philosophy

And one of the following courses:

PSYC 3355 Psychology of Women
ENGL 3340 Women's Writing
RELS 3355 God and Human Sexuality

Electives (9 Hours):

Students may take any of the electives above that they have not already taken or select from a variety of courses, such as Women in Business, Women in Media, Behavioral Endocrinology, and Human Rights.

New and exciting courses are consistently developed to meet the needs of our students and create dialogue about contemporary issues.

Colloquium Requirement:

Students must attend and document 3 WGS-related events.