WOMEN’S STUDIES, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Students entering with a bachelor’s degree are required to complete 27 credits of required courses and 27 credits of electives for a total of 54 credits. Students entering with a master’s degree in Women’s Studies or a graduate certificate in Women’s Studies are required to complete 27 credits of required courses and 7 credits of electives. Non-course requirements for all students include passing the General Examination, Second Year Paper, Portfolio Review, Major Field Exam, Prospectus, Dissertation Defense. Students must also demonstrate reading competency in a language other than English, relevant to their course of study.

Students’ continued participation in the doctoral program is dependent upon the quality of their coursework, research and writing, the completion of an interdisciplinary paper and successfully passing exams. After successfully completing the M.A. portion of the program, students will meet with a committee of advisors to determine the balance of their program of coursework. A full complement of courses is oriented toward two enterprises:

1. developing a major field and passing a major field exam, i.e. an interdisciplinary topical inquiry, that will support the dissertation; and
2. developing the research skills of two methodologies.

In addition, students must and demonstrate reading competency in a language other than English, relevant to their course of study. Students entering with a bachelor’s degree are required to complete a minimum of 54 credits, including 12 dissertation research credits. Students entering with a graduate certificate in Women’s Studies or a master’s degree are required to take a minimum of 34 credits, including 12 dissertation research credits.

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