WOMEN’S STUDIES (WMST)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract
Women’s Studies offers an interdisciplinary and integrative program of study leading to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Students will be expected to develop a thorough grounding in the new scholarship on women; acquire an understanding of gender as a category of analysis; analyze and assess theories about the role of gender in systems of hierarchy and its intersection with other categories of difference, such as race, ethnicity, religion, class, sexuality, disability, and age; develop competence in women’s studies theories, research methods, and pedagogy, including issues related to women’s diversity nationally and globally; and achieve competence in a selected area of specialization.

Financial Assistance
The Women’s Studies Department awards a small number of recruitment fellowships to selected candidates. Women’s Studies also awards teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and administrative assistantships, are the primary forms of financial aid. These assistantships carry a stipend, benefits, and remission of tuition up to ten credit hours each semester.

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Admissions
General Requirements
- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://gradschool.umd.edu/education/069))

Program-Specific Requirements
- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- CV/Resume

Facilities and Special Resources
Resources for research in the College Park and Washington D.C. are unsurpassed. The University’s libraries hold around 2,500,000 volumes. In addition to the outstanding holdings of the Library of Congress, the area also offers the specialized resources of the National Archives and Archives II (located on the grounds of the University of Maryland); the Smithsonian Institution; the National Museum of Women in the Arts; and a broad array of public policy organizations and “think-tanks,” such as the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, Women’s Legal Defense Fund, National Organization for Women, American Association of University Women, Women’s Research and Education Institute, National Women’s Law Center, American Council on Education’s Office of Women in Higher Education, Business and Professional Women’s Foundation, Center for Policy Alternative’s Women’s Policy and Programs, Center for Women’s Policy Studies, Feminist Majority, General Federation of Women’s Clubs International’s Women’s History and Resources Center, International Center for Research on Women, National Association for Women in Education, Program on the Studies and Education on Women of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, and the Union Institute Center for Women, plus the many research and policy institutes with include gender issues as part of their agenda.

The National Women’s Studies Association, the professional association of the discipline is located in Baltimore, and one of the leading scholarly journals in our field, Feminist Studies, is located on our campus. Some graduate students may be able to broaden their experience and enhance the applicability and marketability of their coursework by undertaking internships in these two organizations.

The University of Maryland Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity offers grant-getting potential and otherwise support the research endeavors of faculty in these fields. Grants funded through the Consortium will provide additional funding for Women’s Studies graduate
students and invaluable research experience. High enrollment demand in Women's Studies introductory CORE courses provide yet another opportunity for funding graduate student's programs of study with teaching assistantships.