WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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See Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/women-gender-sexuality-studies/#facultytext) for faculty roster.

The Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Certificate Program offers a flexible, intersectional and interdisciplinary curriculum that centers the study of structural inequity, as grounded in hierarchies of gender, race, sexuality, ethnicity, nationality, and ability. The interdisciplinary nature of the certificate makes it an excellent supplement to a wide cross-section of majors at the University of Maryland. WGSS Certificate students use their certificate to pursue careers in a wide range of areas, including non-profit management, social justice advocacy, law, health-related fields, student affairs, and government and public policy. Any student in good standing may enroll in the certificate program by declaring their intention to the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Students will design their programs in consultation with the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies advisor. For additional information, or to initiate the process of declaring the certificate, please contact the undergraduate advisor at wgss@umd.edu or 301-405-6827. Students are advised to meet with the department advisor to add the certificate by the time they have reached 75 credits, if not before.

REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for a certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, a student will be required to earn 21 credits in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies courses, twelve of which must be at the 3xx/4xx level. No more than nine credits that are applied toward a major may be included in the certificate program. No more than nine credit hours may be taken at institutions other than the University of Maryland. Each student must obtain a grade of "C-" or better in each course that is to be counted toward the certificate. An overall GPA of 2.0 in the certificate is required for graduation. A list of courses offered can be found here: https://wgss.umd.edu/academic-programs/courses (https://wgss.umd.edu/academic-programs/courses/). Of the 21 credits, courses must be distributed as follows:

Course	Title	Credits
Foundation Courses:		
One of the following courses:		3
LGBT200	Queer Worlds: Studies in Gender and Sexuality	
WGSS200	Gender, Power, and Society	
WGSS250	Gender, Art, and Culture	
WGSS263	Introduction to Black Women's Studies	
WGSS290	Bodies in Contention	
WGSS302	Feminist, Critical Race, and Queer Theories	3
Capstone Course		**3**
WGSS488	Advanced Seminar	
LGBT488	Seminar in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
Any 400-level course from thematic concentrations		
Thematic Concentration [1]		**12**
Total Credits		**21**

[1] Thematic concentrations:

- Social Justice
- Transnational Politics and Perspectives
- Race, Ethnicity and Class
- Bodies, Genders and Sexualities
- Arts, Technologies, and Cultural Production
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies
- Student Designed

Consult the department for eligible courses in each area.