

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES**

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Women's Studies Program Learning Outcomes

### **College of Arts and Humanities**

**Division of World Cultural and Gender Studies**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Minor**

Women's Studies

Degree Roadmaps

### **Faculty**

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### **Women's Studies Advisory Board**

Please contact program office for current membership.

### **Program Description**

Women's Studies explores the experiences of women in cultures and societies around the world. Students in the program acquire the knowledge and skills to understand the history and structures of gender inequalities and how to advocate for women's rights and freedoms.

CSUDH's Women's Studies Program examines the social construction of gender and sexual difference. Through feminist theory and interdisciplinary methods, Women's Studies explores the ways gender relates to and intersects with ethnicity, race, social class, religion, sexuality, nationality, globalization and other factors that have shaped women's and men's lives.

Students in the Women's Studies Program acquire the knowledge and skills to advocate for social justice and change, learning the importance of interconnecting local and global communities.

### **Academic Advisement**

The Women's Studies Program is designed to allow students maximum flexibility and to be tailored to their interests and needs. Students should seek faculty advisement upon entering the program and routinely thereafter. Faculty advisors work with students to provide information about program requirements, course availability, coursework, and career options. Advisors will also help students prepare for graduate work in Women's Studies and related fields. Students should contact the Program Coordinator, Dr. Jenn Brandt ([jbrandt@csudh.edu](mailto:jbrandt@csudh.edu)), to set up advising appointments.

### **Preparation**

No specific high school or community college courses are required as prerequisites. Students are expected to have college-level reading and writing skills and an interest in understanding the complex forces that determine gender roles.

### **Career Paths**

Understanding the gendered dynamics of society and workforce gives students a competitive edge in meeting the challenges of the contemporary world. Women's Studies helps students evaluate their own choices and options in a rapidly changing society and understand where and how their talents and skills may best serve their own and society's needs.

Women’s Studies helps students prepare for the professional world in a number of ways. As an interdisciplinary program, Women’s Studies exposes students to a number of different schools of thought, theories, and methodologies. Students who study Women’s Studies go on to a variety of careers in the arts, business, social services, community organizing, and government agencies. Women’s Studies can help students specialize their career with a focus on women and gender, and can enhance students’ job prospects in counseling, education, law, medicine, and technology, as well as creative fields and other business endeavors.

**Degree Requirements**

**Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree**

See the “Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree” in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

**Elective Requirements**

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

**General Education Requirements (49 units)**

See the “General Education” requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement**

See the “Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement” in the University Catalog.

**Major Requirements (39 units)**

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

**A. Lower Division Core Requirements (6 units)**

WMS 100	Gender, Sex, the Body & Politics: An Introduction	3
WMS 250	Foundations in Women's Studies	3

**B. Upper Division Requirements (15 units)**

WMS 318	Race, Class and Gender	3
WMS 320	Feminist Principles	3
WMS 350	Feminist Research Methods	3
WMS 400	Feminist Theories	3
WMS 490	Senior Capstone	3

**C. Electives (18 units)**

ENG 347	Literature of Ethnicity and Gender	3
CHS 460	Las Chicanas	3
HIS 379	The Family In History	3
HIS 380	Women In History	3
POL 325	Women And Politics	3
PSY 376	Psychology Of Gender	3
SOC 334	Women in Society	3
WMS 310	The Witch in Literature	3
WMS 311	Comedy, Sex and Gender	3
WMS 314	Feminism and Film	3
WMS 315	Literature and the Rights of Women	3
WMS 494	Independent Study	1-3
WMS 495	Special Topics: Women's Studies	3
WMS 496	Internship in Women's Studies	3