

Social Work Electives that Count Towards the WGS Graduate Certificate

CJS 307: Family Violence: Cross-Cultural Perspectives* Analysis of family violence in the U.S. and other countries. Emphasis on police and judiciary response, solutions, and treatments

CJS 339: Women in Criminal Justice* Historical and theoretical perspectives and contemporary trends concerning women and crime, and processing of women by the criminal justice system

CJS 342: Victimology* An examination of the victim's role in the criminal event, the process of victimization, patterns, trends, theories and victim offender relationships.

PSY 305: Psychology of Women* Psychological research to place in scientific perspective the etiology and behavioral consequences of female and male oriented attitudes.

SOC 341: Sociology of Gender* Explores the concepts, theories, and methods sociologists utilize to explain differences in the social relations between and among women and men. Individual, interactional, institutional, and social change processes are examined.

SOC 342: Sociology of the Body* Explores the concepts, theories, and methods sociologists utilize to study the body in social life. Special emphasis on non-normative bodies.

SOC 366: Contemporary Social Movements* Theories, methods, and research on social movements in the U.S. and on transnational social movements, including women's movements.

**See ISU catalog for prerequisites*

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Graduate Certificate



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A strong and viable Women's and Gender Studies Program is essential to Illinois State University's mission to provide a high-quality liberal arts education. The graduate certificate program enhances any major by integrating with the student's field(s) of study a working analysis of gender as it intersects with class, sexuality, race, ethnicity, ability, age, nationality, and transnationality.

The graduate certificate in women's and gender studies is an option for students whose interest in women's and gender issues leads them toward particular courses and thesis topics in their department/school, and to seek further work in interdisciplinary feminist theory and methods.

The graduate certificate is a perfect match for Social Work students interested in social issues that affect women, children, and families daily. The topics explored in the WGS graduate certificate relate directly to our practice, and help to increase cultural competency.

The WGS Program teaches students to recognize the intricacies of power and oppression, and the various social institutions that hold barriers to equality in place. This encourages social work students to understand more fully the obstacles that many of our clients face daily. The WGS certificate curriculum is an excellent way to start the process of breaking these barriers, empowering our clients, and providing them with the skills they need to succeed.

Memorandum of Agreement

Students will work with the Social Work advisor and WGS advisor to ensure that completion of the program requirements are fulfilled for both the MSW degree and the Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies.

The School of Social Work and the Women's and Gender Studies Program agree to collaborate to direct 9 of the 12 credit hours of coursework to fulfill both the MSW degree requirements and the graduate certificate in WGS. This is intended to facilitate students' plans of study who would like to concurrently complete the MSW degree as well as a Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies.

The School of Social Work will accept WGS 490 Feminist Theories and Methodological Issues as an elective in the MSW Program.

The School of Social Work may accept WGS 400 Independent Research in Women's and Gender Studies as an elective with two contingency requirements:

- The student is responsible to secure a faculty member to supervise the independent study;
- The independent study project must be approved by the MSW Program coordinator as a relevant topic to the discipline of social work.

The Women's and Gender Studies Program **may** accept 3 credit hours from either Advanced Practicum I (SWK 498.03) or Advanced Practicum II (SWK 498.04) as an elective. The director or advisor in Women's and Gender Studies Program **must** approve that the practicum setting and work is relevant to the graduate certificate. In addition to these agreements, students will need to complete one other elective for the certificate.

How to apply: Your plan of study must be arranged with both the WGS advisor and the social work graduate advisor. With approval of the WGS director, courses other than those listed above may be counted toward the certificate. To make an advising appointment, contact the WGS advisor at WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu or contact the program office at (309) 438-2947. Application procedures and paperwork are online at IllinoisState.edu/Academics/Graduate.

Required Courses for the WGS Graduate Certificate

The graduate certificate requires a 12-hour course of study. Students must complete WGS 400, WGS 490, and six hours selected from among the electives listed. With the approval of the academic advisor, the director, and the Graduate School, additional courses may be approved for the certificate.

WGS 400: Independent Study Research paper or supervised readings on a topic relevant to women's and gender studies. Proposal signed by a faculty advisor and the director or assistant director of Women's and Gender Studies required prior to registration. For more information, see "General Courses" in the graduate catalog. *May be repeated for elective credit if topic is different.*

WGS 490: Feminist Theories and Methodological Issues An interdisciplinary study of methods, theories, analyses, and critiques by feminist scholars to study feminist issues within and across a range of traditional disciplines.