

ISU Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

WGSS GRADUATE CERTIFICATE - PLAN OF STUDY Information Worksheet

The purpose of this worksheet is to assist graduate students pursuing a certificate in WGSS in planning and tracking their coursework. Students must complete one core course: WGS 490 or ENG 460. Students must also complete three elective courses from those listed on the back of this page.

CORE COURSE	Semester Planned	Semester Completed	Notes	ELECTIVE COURSES	Semester Planned	Semester Completed
WGS 490 <i>or</i> ENG 460			WGS 490 is typically offered once a year in the spring .	1.		
			ENG 460 is typically offered at least once a year; semesters vary.	2.		
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Please note that additional elective courses may be offered in any given semester. To see current course offerings, please visit: <http://wgs.illinoisstate.edu/academics/current/index.shtml>

Please note that WGSS does not control the scheduling of some classes associated with the certificate because they are taught by faculty from other departments. We say **typically** offered based on past experience. This does not predict future course offerings or schedules. Please plan accordingly by building flexibility into your plan. The WGSS academic advisor is happy to help you construct your plan of study. WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu or 309.438.3286.

Required Courses

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. -or-

ENG 460: Feminist Literary Theories

Advanced overview of interdisciplinary feminist paradigms emphasizing English studies and literature, theory, and social discourse.

Electives

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. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

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. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

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. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

ENG 360: Studies in Women's Writing Studies in and theories of women's writing. *May repeat if content differs; maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

ENG 460: Feminist Literary Theories

Advanced overview of interdisciplinary feminist paradigms, emphasizing English studies and literature, theory, and social discourse. *An option only if not chosen to complete requirement certificate.*

HIS 330: The Family in History

History of the family in Europe and America, viewing the changes from idealist, economic determinist, family systems, and psychoanalytic perspectives. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

HIS 350: Women and Sexuality in Ancient Greece and Rome

An exploration of sources, methodologies, and debates concerning women, gender and sexuality in ancient Greece and Rome. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

POL 337: Gay & Lesbian Politics and Theory

Explores LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) political movements in historical context and with reference to claims for citizenship. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

POL 338: Gender and Political Theory

Examination of how gender shapes and is shaped by public policy formulation and implementation in different political and state contexts. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

POL 363: Political Theories of Nonviolence

Analysis of contending theories and approaches regarding nonviolence and civil disobedience.

PSY 305: Psychology of Women

Psychological research to place in scientific perspective the etiology and behavioral consequences of female and male oriented attitudes. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

SOC 341: Sociology of Gender

Explores the concepts, theories, and methods sociologists utilize to explain gendered differences in social relations and life changes. Examines individual, interactional, institutional, and social change processes. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

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. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

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. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

SOC 469.03: Seminar in Sociology: Minorities/Stratifications*

Advanced graduate study in sociological topics. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

WGS 391: Women's and Gender Studies Seminar

A critical examination of selected topics in women's and gender studies. *May be repeated if topic is different; maximum of 6 hours.*

WGS 392: Queer and Transgender Theory

Research in the interdisciplinary field of LGBT/Queer Studies, emphasizing how queer theory informs a variety of academic disciplines and discourses. *Prerequisites: WGS 120 or permission of instructor.*

WGS 400: Independent Research in Women's & Gender Studies

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 Gender, and Sexuality Studies required prior to registration. For more information, see "General Courses" in the graduate catalog. *May be repeated for credit if topic is different. A maximum of 9 hours total credits from the course group 393/397/400/493/498m may count toward a master's degree. Within that 9 hours no more than 6 can come from 400*

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. *An option only if you have not chosen to complete requirement certificate.*

WGS 498: Professional Practice: Internship in Women's & Gender Studies

Supervised work experience in local, state, national, or international businesses, agencies, institutions, or organizations—including teaching internships—focusing on women's and gender issues. *A maximum of 9 total credit hours from the course group 393/397/400/493/498 may count toward a master's degree. Within that 9 hours, 498 is further limited to not more than 20% of the total hours required for the degree. Prerequisites: WGS 490 and consent of director of WGSS*

** Course counts for credit toward certificate only when taught by WGSS faculty.*

Note: Your plan of study must be arranged with the WGSS Program advisor. With the approval of the director and WGSS advisor, courses with over 50% gender content can be counted toward the certificate. To make an advising appointment, email the WGSS advisor at WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu or call the program office directly at (309)438-2947.