

**ISU Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program**  
**WGSS MINOR - PLAN OF STUDY Information Worksheet**

The purpose of this worksheet is to assist undergraduate students pursuing a minor in WGSS in planning and tracking their coursework. Students must complete four core courses: WGS 120, ENG 160, 260, 261, or 360, PHI 246 and HIS 261 or 262. Students must also complete three elective courses from those listed on the reverse side.

<b>CORE COURSES</b>	<b>Semester Planned</b>	<b>Semester Completed</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>ELECTIVE COURSES</b>	<b>Semester Planned</b>	<b>Semester Completed</b>
<b>WGS 120: Gender, Sex, and Power</b>  Provides students from diverse backgrounds and disciplines a basic understanding of the history, debates, and theoretical tools in WGSS.			WGS 120 is <b>typically</b> offered in the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.  Topics include: feminism, systems of power, and intersections of race, gender, class, sexuality, and citizenship.	1.		
<b>ENG 160: Intro to Studies in Women's Writing</b> -or- <b>ENG 260: History of Literature by Women</b> -or- <b>ENG 360: Studies in Women's Writing</b>			ENG 160 is <b>typically</b> offered at least once a year. ENG 260 or 360 can be substituted. If taking <b>ENG 260</b> or 360, please alert the WGS advisor.	2.		
<b>PHI 246: Feminist Philosophies</b> -or- <b>POL338: Gender and Political Theory</b>			PHI 246 is <b>typically</b> offered in the Fall semester. We recommend taking this in one's junior or senior year due to the intellectual challenge this course presents. There are <u>no</u> substitutes for 246.	3.		
<b>HIS 261: History of Women in the United States to 1865</b> -or- <b>HIS 262: History of Women in the United States since 1865</b>			HIS 261 is <b>typically</b> offered in the Fall semester.  HIS 262 is <b>typically</b> offered in the Spring semester.	Please note that additional elective courses may be offered in any given semester.		

Please note that WGSS does not control the scheduling of most classes associated with the minor because they are taught by faculty from other departments. When we say, **typically** offered, this is 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 can assist you with your planning: [WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu) or 309-438-3286.

**ANT 270: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Women, Sex Roles, and Gender**

An examination of the position of women, their interrelationships with men, the assignment of male and female roles, and the conceptualization of gender ideology in various societies and cultures.

**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.*

**COM/ENG/LAN 128: Gender in the Humanities**

Examination of gender roles, norms, and stereotypes from a broad range of perspectives within humanities across centuries and cultures.

**ENG/LAN 206: Cultural Expressions in Social Contexts: Women of Asia, Latin America, and Africa**

Interdisciplinary study of varieties of women's cultural expressions within distinct social contexts including comparative emphasis on different regions of concern.

**ENG 260: History of Literature by Women**

A historical overview of writing by women. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**ENG 261: Women's Literature in a Global Context**

Literature by women of diverse ethnicities to examine varieties of texts and their cultural construction. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**ENG 360: Studies in Women and Literature**

Studies in and theories of women's writing. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**HIS/SOC/FCS 112: American Family: Change and Diversity**

Historical and comparative exploration of activities of family formation, maintenance, and reconfiguration in America. Emphasis on issues of diversity.

**HIS 261: History of Women in the United States to 1865**

*If not chosen to fulfill requirement.* The role of women in the economic, social, political, and cultural history of America from the colonial period to the Civil War. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**HIS 262: History of Women in the United States since 1865**

*If not chosen to fulfill requirement.* The role of women in the economic, social, political, and cultural history of America from 1865 to the present. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**HIS 330: The Family in History**

History of the family in Europe and America, viewing change 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.*

**IDS 121.39: Women by Women: Contemporary Women Playwrights**

Exploration of plays that focus on the complexities of diverse female-to-female relationships by contemporary women playwrights. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**PHI 202: Sex, Values, and Human Nature**

Investigation of competing views about the nature of human sexuality, and their moral and social consequences.

**POL 225: Women in Politics**

The study of the role of women in the political process.

**POL 337: Lesbian and Gay Politics**

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.*

**PSY/SOA 123: Human Sexuality**

Basic psychological, sociocultural, and physiological elements of human sexuality.

**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.*

**SOA 264: Racial, Social Class and Gender Inequality**

Examination of social constructions of race/ethnicity, social class, gender. How categories are transformed into systems of inequality nationally and globally. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**SOA 265: Personal Relationships**

Introductory course on theory, research, and methods in the study of a variety of social and personal relationships. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**SOA 311: Issues in Gerontology\***

Advanced treatment of selected subjects in gerontology. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**SOA 341: Sociology of Gender**

Explores the concepts, theories, and methods sociologists utilize to explain the differences in the social relations between and among women and men. Individual, interactional, institutional, and social change process are examined. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**SOA 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.*

**SOA 366: Contemporary Social Movements**

Theories, methods, and research on social movements in the United States and on transitional social movements, including the women's movements. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**WGS 292: Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered/Queer Studies**

Interdisciplinary introduction to LGBT and Queer Studies. Topics will include LGBT/Q identity, politics, and history as well as the academic project of Queer Theory.

**WGS 390: Interdisciplinary Research in Women's and Gender Studies**

Students will research and write on an interdisciplinary topic of their choice relevant to women's and gender studies. *Arrange with WGS advisor or director.*

**WGS 391: Women's and Gender Studies Seminar**

Intensive and critical examination of selected topics in women's and gender studies. *May be repeated if topics are different.*

**WGS 392: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender/Queer Studies and Theory**

Research in the interdisciplinary field of LGBT/Queer Studies emphasizing how queer theory informs a variety of academic disciplines and discourses. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**WGS 398: Professional Practice: Internship in Women's and Gender Studies**

Supervised work experience in local, state, national, or international businesses, agencies, institutions, or organizations focusing on women's or gender issues. May be repeated. *Arrange with WGSS advisor or director. Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

*\*Course counts for credit toward minor 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 minor. To make an advising appointment, email the WGSS advisor at [WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu) or call the program office directly at (309) 438-2947.