

**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, or 260, or 261, or 360; PHI 246; and HIS 261 or 262. Students must also complete three elective courses from those listed on the reverse side.

CORE COURSES	Semester Planned	Semester Completed	Notes	ELECTIVE COURSES	Semester Planned	Semester Completed
<p><b>WGS 120: Gender, Sex, and Power</b>            An interdisciplinary introduction to how gendered and other structures of domination shape societies; how individual and collective actions engage and transform these structures.  <i>Prerequisites: ENG 101 or COM 110 or concurrent registration.</i></p>			<p>WGS 120 is <b>typically</b> offered in the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.</p> <p>Topics include: feminism, systems of power, and intersections of race, gender, class, sexuality, and citizenship.</p>	1.		
<p><b>ENG 160: Intro to Studies in Women’s Writing</b> -or-  <b>ENG 260: History of Literature by Women</b> -or-  <b>ENG 261: Women’s Literature in a Global Context</b> -or-  <b>ENG 360: Studies in Women’s Writing</b></p>			<p>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.</p>	2.		
<p><b>PHI 246: Feminist Philosophies</b>            -or-  <b>POL338: Gender and Political Theory</b></p>			<p>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.</p>	3.		
<p><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></p>			<p>HIS 261 is <b>typically</b> offered in the Fall semester.</p>	Please note that additional elective courses may be offered in any given semester.		
			<p>HIS 262 is <b>typically</b> offered in the Spring semester.</p>			

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. Please check the ISU Course Finder. 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](mailto:WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu) or 309-438-3286.

**ANT 270: Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality**

An anthropological examination of the concepts of gender and sexuality, as they intersect with the social categories of sex, race, class, and nation.

**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's Writing**

Studies in and theories of women's writing. *May repeat if content differs; maximum 6 hours. 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: Texts & Contexts: Women X Women Contemporary Playwrights**

Interdisciplinary writing intensive course that examines plays by contemporary women playwrights that explore female-to-female relationships: mothers and daughters, sisters, lovers, strangers, and friends. *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: 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/SOC 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.*

**SOC 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.*

**SOC 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.*

**SOC 311: Selected Studies Issues in Gerontology\***

Advanced treatment of selected subjects in gerontology. Multiple enrollments are allowed if content differs. *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 United States and on transnational social movements, including the women's movements. *Prerequisites: See ISU catalog.*

**WGS 292: Introduction to LGBTQ Studies**

Interdisciplinary introduction to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and Queer Studies. Topics will include LGBTQ histories, social movements, politics, and cultures.

**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**

A critical examination of selected topics in women's and gender studies. *May be repeated if topics are 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 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 gender issues and their intersections with race, class, sexuality, and ability. *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.