Gender & Women's Studies

College of Arts & Sciences

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies offers Ph.D., M.A. and Graduate Certificate degree programs. Students are accepted only into the Ph.D. and Graduate Certificate programs. All degree programs share a core curriculum of courses. Information about the specific requirements for each degree is available on the Department of Gender and Women's Studies website http://gws.as.uky.edu/.

Applicants for the Ph.D. degree program may be accepted from any undergraduate degree field. Applicants will be accepted into the program with or without an M.A. or equivalent advanced degree. For students without an M.A., the degree will be earned as part of their Ph.D. program.

The Ph.D. program includes required coursework and specialized coursework. The purposes of the required coursework are (1) to familiarize students with fundamental concepts, theories and frameworks for scholarly feminist inquiry, and (2) to familiarize students with different approaches to inquiry and research in gender and women's studies.

The Ph.D. program allows students to establish mentoring relationships with the faculty and their advisory committee members. The advisory committee will assist students in designing a specific program of study to prepare the student for their qualifying exams and to write their dissertation within an area of study.

The Graduate Certificate program is a 12 hour curriculum that students take as a complement to a graduate disciplinary degree program or as a stand-alone curriculum. The aim of the Graduate Certificate curriculum is to provide a coherent, graduate-level interdisciplinary grounding in Gender and Women's Studies scholarship and to create an intellectual community among faculty and graduate students who share a scholarly interest in Gender and Women's Studies.

The M.A. program is connected to the Ph.D. program and does not admit students for M.A. study only.

Graduate Courses

GWS 595	Issues In Gender And Women's Studies	(3-12)
GWS 600	Topics In Gender And Women's Studies	(3-12)
GWS 610	Women And Madness	(3)
GWS 630	Research Methods In Gender And Women's Studies	(3)
GWSs 640	Feminist Thought And Action	(3)
GWS 650	Feminist Theory And History	(3)
GWS 690	Graduate Research In Gender And Women's Studies	(3-12)
GWS 700	Topical Seminar In Gender And Women's Studies	(3-12)
GWS 710 L	Latin American And U.S. Latina Women's Lives	(3)

