

Women's & Gender Studies Minor



Research at MSU—1930s

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WGS Minor at MSU

The Women's & Gender Studies (WGS) Minor is available to students enrolled in Bachelor's degree programs, other than those enrolled in the BA in Women's & Gender Studies. This interdisciplinary minor provides students with in-depth opportunities to study the intersections of gender with other aspects of identity within their fields of interest, enabling them to apply such understandings through one of four specific thematic areas.

Students who wish to pursue the WGS Minor must contact the GenCen Advisor to arrange an appropriate course of study; a list of additional approved courses is maintained by the advisor. Due to the dynamic and interdisciplinary nature of our programs, it is important to meet regularly with the advisor to stay up-to-date on course/other opportunities.

With the approval of the department/college that administer the student's degree program, courses that are used to meet the requirements for the minor might also be used to satisfy the requirements for their degree.



Students dining in Morrill Hall—1930s

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WGS Minor Requirements

Core Courses — 6 credits

- **WS 201 Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies:** Foundational knowledge, theories, methods in women's and gender studies and of women's experience historically and across the globe
- **WS 202: Introduction to Contemporary Feminisms and Gender Theories:** Theories of feminism and gender from a variety of intellectual, political, cultural, religious, sexual, racial, ethnic, national, and global perspectives

Thematic Area — 9 credits

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- **Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and History**
- **Sexuality and Conflict/Violence**
- **Gender and the Arts and Humanities**
- **Gender Applied: Health, Urban, and Public Policy**

Study Abroad

Students have the opportunity to complete up to 60% of the minor's program requirements with the "Gender, Sex, & Feminism in the UK" summer study abroad program, with courses available under multiple thematic areas.

