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Center for Gender
in Global Context
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Women's and Gender Studies

College of Social Science

College of Arts & Letters

College of Education

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Graduate Specialization

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ABOUT MSU

Founded in 1855, MSU is a land-grant institution with a rich history of linking education, research, and extension. MSU is unusually strong in interdisciplinary programs and international studies. To explore some of MSU's exciting programs, please visit:

- Center for Gender in Global Context www.gencen.msu.edu
- The Graduate School www.msu.edu/user/gradschl
- International Studies and Programs www.isp.msu.edu

ABOUT GENCEN

The Center for Gender in Global Context is an interdisciplinary center in International Studies & Programs focused on gender, feminist, and women's studies. Its affiliated faculty and students study how women and men from diverse racial, ethnic, national, and sexual backgrounds live in and engage with the world and how processes of global change affect gender relations locally, nationally, and internationally. Working in conjunction with the academic colleges, the center promotes outstanding undergraduate and graduate education, facilitates research and scholarship of the highest caliber, and undertakes innovative outreach and active learning initiatives.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The graduate specialization in *Women's & Gender Studies* is an elective addition to master's and doctoral degree programs at MSU. Once admitted to their chosen department, students may enroll in this program. Jointly sponsored by the **Colleges of Arts & Letters, Education, and Social Science**, the specialization is designed to provide opportunities for graduate students to obtain a comprehensive, cross/interdisciplinary academic experience in women and gender and to foster the growth of interdisciplinary research and teaching on women and gender. Emphasis is given to understanding the diversity of women's lives nationally and globally.

STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

GenCen provides travel funding support for gender-focused conference presentations and research collection. For more information about this and other funding opportunities, visit www.gencen.msu.edu/studentfunding.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The graduate specialization is open to graduate students with adequate undergraduate preparation in women and gender. Graduate students interested in enrolling in the specialization should contact the Center for Gender in Global Context.

Individual programs are designed with the GenCen Advisor. Students must complete:

1. One core course (3 credits)

WS 897: Seminar in Feminist Theories, Epistemologies, & Pedagogy

2. Elective courses (9 credits)

Elective courses must focus on women's and gender issues and should complement the student's major interests. At least one of these courses must be at the 800-level. A complete list of applicable courses is maintained by the GenCen Advisor.

Sample elective courses include:

- ANP 431: Gender, Environment, and Development
- ANP 432: American Indian Women
- CJ 425: Women and Criminal Justice
- CSUS 858: Gender, Justice & Environmental Change: Issues & Concepts
- ENG 481: Studies in Film and Gender
- ENG 482: Theory and Practice of Feminist Literary Criticism
- HST 420: History of Sexuality Since the 18th Century
- HST 421: Women and Gender in Africa
- HST 860: Women's and Gender History
- MC 482: Gender and Violent Conflict
- PHL 456: Topics in Feminist Philosophy
- SOC 831: Intersections of Class, Race, and Gender
- SOC 833: Gender and Power
- SPN 876: Seminar in Gender Studies in the Hispanic World
- WS 403: Women and Change in Developing Countries
- WS 404: Women and the Law in the United States

With the approval of the advisor, courses that are used to satisfy requirements in the student's graduate degree program may also be used to satisfy the requirements for the Graduate Specialization in Women's & Gender Studies.

Upon completing the requirements for the Graduate Specialization in Women's & Gender Studies, the student should contact the advisor and request certification for the completion of the specialization. After the certification is approved, the Office of the Registrar will enter the specialization on the student's academic record and the date that it was completed. This certification will appear on the student's transcript.