Women's & Gender Studies
Graduate Specialization

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About GenCen
The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) is an interdisciplinary center in International Studies and Programs focused on gender, sexuality, feminist theory, and women’s studies. Its affiliated faculty and students study how people 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. Please visit gencen.msu.edu for more information about our office and programs.

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Building on MSU’s rich history of linking education, research and outreach, the Women’s and Gender Studies Graduate Specialization is an elective addition to master’s and doctoral degree programs at MSU. Students may enroll in this program after admittance to their chosen department. 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 interdisciplinary academic experience in women and gender studies; to foster research and teaching on women and gender; and to understand the diversity of people’s lives nationally and globally.

Program Overview

Student Financial Support

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

Program Requirements

The Women’s & Gender Studies Specialization is designed to provide an interdisciplinary training in gender studies with a focus on the intersections of gender with race, class, and ethnicity from a global perspective. Individual programs are designed with the WGS Grad Advisor. Course requirements include:

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 WGS Grad Advisor.