

BS IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES



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Women's and Gender Studies

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Type of Program:

Major

Program Change Type:

Substantive

Delivery Format:

Fully Face to Face

Title of the Program:

BS in Women's and Gender Studies

Designation: (degree terminology)

Bachelor of Science

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:

We are proposing the following changes to the WGS major:

1. Removing WGS 25: Introduction to Gender & Sexuality as a department elective for the major. WGS 25 is a newer course that fulfills the GE Critical Thinking 1-B requirement, and it was designed as a way to introduce first and second year students to some of the issues covered in the field of Women's & Gender Studies. When we added it to the WGS curriculum, we accidentally placed it in the "Required Department Elective Courses" section. This is a very introductory course, and we do not want our majors to take it instead of an upper-division WGS elective. WGS 25 will continue to be offered as part of our curriculum, but will not count as an elective towards the WGS major.

2. Moving WGS 195A: Fieldwork in Women's Studies from the "Required Department Elective Courses" to the "Core Courses" section. We are also updating the course number to be WGS 195 as we don't have a WGS 195B, and we are updating the course title to be "Fieldwork in Women's and Gender Studies" as it was never updated after our department and program name change a few years ago. We are adding WGS 195 as a required course in response to assessment findings that our majors would like more professional/career training and community experiences over the course of their degrees, in order to increase their post-graduate success. This change will increase the number of units for our degree to become 39 units.

3. Adding a new course, WGS 130: Gender-based Violence and Media Representation, to the "Required Department Elective Courses" in the "Critical Cultural Studies" section. This new course addresses a gap in our curriculum as we have no classes that focus on media and cultural representations.

University Learning Goals**Undergraduate Learning Goals:**

Competence in the disciplines
 Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world
 Intellectual and practical skills
 Personal and social responsibility
 Integrative learning

Program Learning Outcomes**Program Learning Outcomes**

Learning Outcome
1) Explain the social production of gender and women's experiences as they intersect with sexuality, race, class, nationality, ability, and other categories of difference.
2) Discuss feminist writings and scholarship, including major trends in the discipline.

- 3) Apply feminist concepts and theories to examine power structures within social institutions, political projects, and personal experiences.
- 4) Describe individual and collective struggles for social justice in local, national, and global contexts.
- 5) Develop effective oral and written communication skills.

Learning Outcomes Display

Course Code	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5
WGS 50	1	1		1	1
WGS 85	1				
WGS 110					
WGS 180					
WGS 195A					
WGS 75					
WGS 133					
WGS 136					
WGS 139					
WGS 148					
WGS 175					
WGS 198					
WGS 199					
WGS 120					
WGS 130					
WGS 137					
WGS 140					
WGS 145					
WGS 146					
WGS 150					
WGS 121					
WGS 125					
WGS 138					
WGS 147					
CRJ 111					
ECON 184					
ENGL 185B					
ENGL 185C					
ENGL 185D					
EDUC 165					

ETHN 132					
ETHN 151					
ETHN 172					
HIST 167					
HIST 175A					
HRS 185					
JOUR 172					
PHIL 123					
PSYC 134					
PSYC 157					
SOC 126					
SWRK 134					
WGS 118					
WGS 144					
WGS 166					
WGS 172A					

Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Please attach a Comprehensive Program Assessment Plan

Comprehensive Program Assessment WGS Fall 2025.xlsx

Please attach a Curriculum Map Matrix

Curriculum Map Matrix WGS major Fall 2025 .docx

Please attach a five-year budget projection

5 year budget plan.docx

Do these changes impact the degree roadmap?

Yes

Please attach the updated roadmap:

WGS four year BS roadmap Fall 2025.docx

Briefly describe the change:

Included WGS 195 as core WGS course; updated GE pattern.

Catalog Description:

Units required for Major: 39

Total units required for BS: 120

Program Description

Women's and Gender Studies is a dynamic interdisciplinary field preparing students to be future leaders, scholars, and social justice activists. We are dedicated to studying the social production of gender and women's experiences in relation to formations of sexuality, race, class, nationality, ability, ageism, and other categories of difference. Scholarship and research in Women's and Gender Studies emphasize the importance of connecting what students learn in the classroom to political projects and personal experiences.

Our curriculum empowers students to be agents of change in their communities and society. It provides them tools to examine relations of gender in local, national, and global contexts. Our courses situate gender within specific historical and cultural contexts, allowing students to examine how our lives are shaped by social and economic institutions, political movements, and individual

experiences. "Putting Theory into Practice" since 1971, we place a strong emphasis on community involvement and activism, and we offer many opportunities for internships and service work credit.

The B.S. in Women's and Gender Studies prepares students for careers in education, as professors, teachers, or curriculum specialists; counseling, as school counselors, psychological or family therapists; law; health; human services; student services; and public service.

Minimum total units required for the BS: 120; 40 units should be upper division.

Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.

Minimum Grade Requirement

A minimum grade of C- is required of courses applied to the major.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
A. Core Courses		
WGS 50	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies ¹	3
WGS 85	Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies ¹	3
WGS 110	Introduction to Feminist Movements in the United States ¹	3
WGS 180	Seminar in Feminist Theory	3
WGS 195A	Fieldwork in Women's Studies	3
B. Departmental Elective Courses		
Select 5-6 courses from the following, with at least one course from each category:		15 - 18
Political and Social Movements / Applied		
WGS 75	Introduction to Disability Studies ¹	
WGS 133	Gender & Health ¹	
WGS 136	Gender, Race, and Class  ¹	
WGS 139	Violence Against Women ¹	
WGS 148	Black Feminisms ¹	
WGS 175	Gender & Disability  ¹	
WGS 198	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies	
WGS 199	Special Problems	
Critical Cultural Studies		
WGS 120	Mother Woman Person ¹	
WGS 130	Course WGS 130 Not Found	
WGS 137	Women of Color  ¹	
WGS 140	Latinx Feminist Studies  ¹	
WGS 145	Goddess, Witch, Feminist ¹	
WGS 146	Women In Art ¹	
WGS 150	Introduction to Queer and Trans Studies	
Globalization and Transnational Feminisms		
WGS 121	Women Of The Middle East ¹	
WGS 125	Sex & Gender in South Asia ¹	
WGS 138	Women and Work  ¹	
WGS 147	Women & Globalization	
C. Interdisciplinary Elective Courses ²		
Select 3-4 courses from the following:		9 - 12
CRJ 111	Women and the Criminal Justice System ¹	
ECON 184	Economics of the Household	
ENGL 185B	Twentieth Century Fiction by Women  ²	
ENGL 185C	British Women Novelists ²	
ENGL 185D	American Women Writers ²	

EDUC 165	Sex Role Stereotyping in American Education ✎🌐 ¹	
ETHN 132	La Mujer: Chicana and Latina Identity, Activism, and Transformational Resistance	
ETHN 151	Native American Women	
ETHN 172	Black Women In America	
HIST 167	History of American Women ¹	
HIST 175A	Sex, Population, and Birth Control in America ¹	
HRS 185	Women in Film and American Culture ¹	
JOUR 172	Women in the Mass Media ¹	
PHIL 123	Philosophy and Feminism	
PSYC 134	Psychology of Human Sexuality ¹	
PSYC 157	Psychology of Women	
SOC 126	Sociology of Gender ¹	
SWRK 134	Crimes Without Victims ¹	
WGS/ETHN 118	Asian American Women ¹	
WGS/THEA 144	Women and Theatre: Staging Diversity 🌐 ¹	
WGS/POLS 166	Gender and Politics	
WGS/HIST 172A	LGBTQ Histories	
Total Units		39-45

¹ Course also satisfies a General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

² 4-unit course.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (6 Units)		
A1 - Oral Communication		3
A2 - Written Communication		3
A3 - Critical Thinking ²		0
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (10 Units)		
B1 - Physical Science		3
B2 - Life Forms		3
B3 - Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)		1
B4 - Math Concepts		3
B5 - Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ²		0
Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)		
C1 - Arts		3
C2 - Humanities		3
C1/C2 - Area C Course		3
C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.		3
Area D: The Individual and Society (3 Units)		
Area D Course		3
Area D Course ²		0
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ²		0
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)		
Area E Course		3
Area F: Ethnic Studies		
Area F Course		
Total Units		34

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI) ²		0
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³		6

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² Department recommends WGS Elective that meets the WI Graduation Requirement; see Program Requirements table above.

Note: WGS courses that meet the WI Graduation Requirement are displayed with a pencil icon.

³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

None

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

N/A

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

N/A

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?

No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?

None

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