

Augustana College

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Courses required for the first year: None
Courses recommended for the first year: WGSS 130, WGSS 230, WGSS 235, WGSS 250
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Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
WGSS 130	Introduction to Gender Studies	PS	None	F, SP	4
WGSS 230	Gender, Power, and Transnational Perspectives	PS, G	None	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 235	Gender and Sexuality	PH, D	None	Every 2-3 years	4
WGSS 250	Critical Race Feminism	PH, D	None	Every 2-3 years	4
WGSS 330	Feminist Theories	PH, D	WGSS-130 or with the permission of the professor	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 335	Masculinity in American Culture	PS, D	None	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 340	Global Masculinities	PS, G	None	Every 3 years	4
WGSS 350	Queer Theories	PL, D	WGSS-130 or with the permission of the professor	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 360	Feminism and Grassroots Activism	PS, G	Study Abroad to India	Program on hold	4
WGSS 365	Reading Global Thinking Local	None	Study Abroad to India, WGSS 360	Program on hold	4
WGSS 370	Gender and Social Justice	D	None	Every 2 years	4
WGSS 400	Independent Study	N/A	None	F, SP	1
WGSS 430	Applied Gender/Sexuality Studies (Senior Inquiry)	None	None	F	4
WGSS 499	Directed Studies	None	None	F, SP	1

WGSS INTR	Women's Studies Internship	None	None	F, SP	0-9
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Major: 28 credits, Minor: 16 credits

Major in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS) 28 credits

- WGSS 130: Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (4 credits)
- WGSS 330: Feminist Theories (4 credits) or WGSS 350: Queer Theories (4 credits)
- WGSS 430: Applied Gender/Sexuality Studies (4 credits): May be research, internship, or activism project that functions as a capstone project in the student's area of concentration. Students may substitute another SI project if it fulfills the goals of SI in WGSS. Prereq: WGSS 330 (4 credits)
- An additional 16 credits, 8 credits of which must be at the 300 level. These 16 credits must include a minimum of 4 credits of WGSS courses. No more than 8 credits in the same department code permitted, other than WGSS. As part of these additional credits, students will develop a three-course concentration in consultation with their advisors.

Minor in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) 16 credits

- WGSS 130: Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (4 credits)
- WGSS 330: Feminist Theories (4 credits) or WGSS 350: Queer Theories (4 credits)
- 2 courses at any level from a concentration area (8 credits, including at least 4 credits from an additional WGSS course)

Areas of Concentration: In addition to the required WGSS courses, majors and minors will take classes in a concentration of their choosing. Concentrations are made up of both WGSS courses and courses in other departments. Since WGSS is an interdisciplinary program, students must gain a broad understanding of its methods and perspectives, but it is also incumbent on them to transfer and apply knowledge from WGSS courses to courses in other departments. (See areas of concentration and concentration courses on next page). For the most up-to-date list of concentration courses, please consult the online WGSS course catalog.

Area of Concentration	Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspectives	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
Gender and the Global Environment	CLASS 340	Women in Antiquity	PS, G		4
	ENGL 345	Empire and Outsiders	G	Every Other Year	4
	HIST 324	Borders and Crossings: Latin America and Latinos in the US, 1830-Present	None	Every Other Year	4
	RELG 284/384	Buddhism and Film	PS, G	Every Other Year	4
	RELG 362	Race, Ethnicity, Religion	PS, D	Every Other Year	4
	RELG 363	Sexual Ethics	PH	Every Other Year	4
	SOAN 322	Anthropology of Latin America	PS, G	Every Other Year	4
	SOAN 325	Global Connections	PS, G	Every Other Year	4
	SOAN 328	Feminist Anthropology	PS, G		4
	SOAN 332	Love and Sex	PS, G		4
	WGSS 230	Gender, Power, and Transnational Perspectives	PS, G		4
	WGSS 340	Global Masculinities	PS, G		4
	WGSS 360	Feminism and Grassroots Activities	PS, G		4
	Gender, Sexuality, and the Culture Imagination	ARHI 374	African Art	PP, G	Every Other Year
CLAS 212/312W		Classical Mythology	PL, G	Every Other Year	4
CLAS 228/328W		Classical Epic	PH	Every Other Year	4
COMM 240		Advertising and Consumer Culture	PS	F, SP	4
MJMC 404		Advanced Multimedia Project	None		4
ENGL 255		Women in Literature	PL, D		4
ENGL 295		Women, Health, South Asian Literature	PH, G	Every Other Year	4

	ENGL 355	Women Writers and Feminist Theory	D	Every Other Year	4
	FREN 361	French Women Writers	None	Every Other Year	4
	FREN 311	Masculinity in Rabelais	None		2
	RELG 363	Sexual Ethics	PH	Every Other Year	4
	RELG 374	Gender and the Bible	PL	Every Other Year	4
	SOAN 222	Popular Culture	PS, D	Every Other Year	4
	SPST 250	Women's Narratives of the Spanish Civil War	PL, G	J-Term	4
	THEA 100	Introduction to Theatre (Instructor: J Poppo)	PA	F, SP	4
	THEA 243	LGBTQ Theatre History	PP, D		4
	THEA 343	Modern and Contemporary Theatre	PH, D	SP	4
	WGSS 250	Critical Race Feminism	PH, D		4
Bodies, Health, and Sexuality	BIOL 310	Evolutionary Biology	None		4
	ENGL 225	Women, Health, South Asian Literature	PH, G		4
	HIST 333	Disease and Health	None	Every Other Year	4
	HIST 230	Bodies of Evidence: Scientific Racism in US History	PP, D	Every Other Year	4
	PSYC 226	Human Sexuality	None	Every Other Year	4
	PSYC 416	The Psychology of Gender	None		4
	PUBH 273	Reproductive Justice	PH, D	Every Other Year	4
	PUBH 306	Sexuality and Health Education	None		4
	ENGL 225	Women, Health, South Asian Literature	PH, G		4
	WGSS 235	Gender and Sexuality	PH, D		4

Identity and Difference					
	WGSS 350	Queer Theories	PL, D	F	4
	CLAS 345	Race and Ethnicity in Antiquity	PS, G		4
	HIST 123	Women and Gender in Latin America, 1492-present	PP, G	Every Other Year	4
	HIST 220	Black Women in America	None	Every Other Year	4
	HIST 230	Bodies of Evidence: Scientific Racism in U.S. History	PP, D	Every Other Year	4
	HIST 340	Gender in U.S. History	PP, D	Every Other Year	4
	POLS 355	Women and Politics	PS, D		4
	PSYC 228	Psychology of Prejudice	D	Every Other Year	4
	PSYC 416	The Psychology of Gender	None		4
	PUBH 273	Reproductive Justice	PH, D	Every Other Year	4
	RELG 362	Race, Ethnicity, Religion	PS, D	Every Other Year	4
	RELG 363	Sexual Ethics	PH	Every Other Year	4
	SOAN 221	Inequality in America	PP, D	Every Other Year	4
	SOAN 327	Gender in Society	PS, D	Every Other Year	4
	SOAN 329	American Race and Ethnic Relations	D	Every Other Year	4
	RELG 363	Sexual Ethics	PH	Every Other Year	4
	WGSS 335	Masculinity in American Culture	PS, D	Every Other Year	4
	WGSS 350	Queer Theories	PL, D	F	4
	WGSS 370	Gender and Social Justice	D		4
Social Justice and Public Activism	COMM 203	Listening	None		2
	COMM 204	Mediating Conversation	None	Every Other Year	2
	COMM 205	Deliberation and Dialogue	None	Every Other Year	2
	HIST 220	Black Women in America	None	Every Other Year	4

	POLS 335	Gender and Sexuality in American Politics	PS, D		4
	PUBH 273	Reproductive Justice	PH, D	Every Other Year	4
	PYSC 130	Victim Advocacy	None	F	2
	PSYC 135	Bystander Intervention	None		1
	RELG 362	Race, Ethnicity, Religion	PS, D	Every Other Year	4
	SOAN 330	Social Movements	PH, D	Every Other Year	4
	WGSS 350	Queer Theories	PL, D	F	4
	WGSS 360	Feminism and Grassroots Activities	PS, G		4
	WGSS 370	Gender and Social Justice	D		4

Major Overview

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is a growing discipline involving new scholarship that is both interdisciplinary **and** focused within departmental offerings. The WGSS-coded classes demonstrate the connections between fields such as the humanities and social sciences.

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is taught from a global perspective, and WGSS-230 meets Augustana's "G" (global) requirement. Due to the growth of international feminist movements, including the establishment of research centers, cultural and artistic groups, publishing companies and political action groups, internships are available.

In addition to the major and minor, the Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Program helps to sponsor lectures, visiting scholars, films and other events.

Many WGSS graduates have continued their interest beyond the B.A. degree. For information about graduate school programs, internships and entry-level job opportunities, see the Director of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates
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