

Gender and Women's Studies

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Psychology
Risk and resilience in gendered and community context in Afghanistan and the U.S., applied research, qualitative methods

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Reproductive politics, cultural politics of gender, sexuality, race and science, U.S. women's history

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Cultural studies, feminist and queer theories, film and media studies, critical race theory, eugenics, reproduction and reproductive technologies

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*Sociology and Anthropology
Gender stratification, cross-national work and family issues, sociology of women*

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20th-century narrative, gender and cultural studies, feminist theory*

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Education and cultural transmissions, childhood and family, intellectual history*

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European women's history, German women, gender and politics in Europe*

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Medical anthropology, urban health, anthropology of women*

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Ethics, feminist theory*

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*History
European women's history, women in early modern England, never-married women, women, work, and investment*

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Women in ancient Greece and Italy*

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Early American history, religion, sexuality, women's history*

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Classical archaeology, ancient trade*

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U.S. social history, Gilded Age and Progressive era, public policy, women and gender, history of childhood, historical methods*

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Research methods, statistics, gender roles, sexuality, cross-national work on women's status, reproductive and sexual health*

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*Theatre
Literature, playwrighting, feminist theatre*

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History of feminism, gender in U.S. society, multicultural studies*

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Women's and children's health and wellbeing, integrated mental health and support services programs for women and children, women in adolescence, impact of gender throughout the lifespan*

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Latinas in the United States, gender, international migrations, public policies analysis*

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African-American women's history, U.S. social history, 19th-20th centuries, African-American musical and entertainment culture*

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*English
Eighteenth- and 19th century British literature and culture, Romantic women writers, millenarianism, the Gothic*

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*Africana Studies
African-American literature, African-Caribbean literature*

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Women in Asia, East Asian history, urban history*

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*American Studies
Educational anthropology, multicultural and diversity studies, mixed-heritage identities*

Gender and women's studies is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry that seeks to understand and articulate how gender makes a difference — in the lives and experiences of women, as well as men; in the practices and institutions of human societies; and in the cultural products of societies, such as art and literature. Emphasizing the importance of historical and cross-cultural perspectives, gender and women's studies critically examines the intersections of gender, class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age and ability to make visible structures of power that otherwise remain hidden.

More information about gender and women's studies at UMBC and elsewhere can be found at: www.umbc.edu/wmstudies.

Women Involved in Learning and Leadership (WILL)

The Gender and Women's Studies Program at UMBC sponsors a leadership program, the WILL Program, that engages students of all majors in a learning community that promotes academic excellence, leadership development and civic engagement.

Career and Academic Paths

Each of the Gender and Women's Studies Program options — the certificate, the minor and the concentration — reflects a deep commitment to the interdependence of theory and practice. In this way, the program equips students with the substantive knowledge and critical skills required to respond to rapidly changing environments in areas such as government, business, education, public service, the health professions, social services and the law, at local, national and global levels. Students who complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree at UMBC in any field also may take courses to fulfill the requirements for an undergraduate certificate or an undergraduate minor in gender and women's studies.

Certificate Program

To earn the certificate, students must complete 24 credits of gender and women's studies coursework, including the following four required courses:

GWST 100
Introduction to
Women's Studies

GWST/AFST 370
Black Women:
Cross-Cultural Perspectives

GWST 480
Theories of Feminism

GWST 495
Research and Activism
Seminar in Women's
Studies

AND One of the following women's history courses:

GWST/HIST 325
History of Women
in America to 1870

GWST/HIST 326
History of Women
in America Since 1870

GWST 327/AFST 354
African-American
Women's History

GWST 330/ANCS 320
Women and Gender
in the Classical World

GWST/HIST 374
European Woman's
History: 1200-1750

GWST/HIST 375
European Women's
History: 1750-1914

GWST/HIST 376
European Women's History:
1914-Present

GWST/HIST 380
Women and Gender
in East Asia

As well as nine credits of elective gender and women's studies courses, including at least one course that specifically addresses the range of women's experiences, for example through a focus on international women, ethnicity, sexual orientation and/or class.

A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses applied toward the certificate.

Minor Program

To complete the minor, students must complete 18 credits of gender and women's studies coursework, including the following three required courses:

GWST 100
Introduction to
Women's Studies

GWST/AFST 370
Black Women:
Cross-Cultural Perspectives

GWST 480
Theories of Feminism

AND Nine credits of elective gender and women's studies courses.

At least 12 of the 18 credits must be in upper-level courses. No more than nine of these credits can be from any one department.

A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses applied toward the minor.

Concentration Options

Students who wish to pursue gender and women's studies in even more depth than the certificate and the minor permit can do so in two ways:

- ▶ By majoring in American studies with a concentration in gender and women's studies:

OR

- ▶ By constructing an interdisciplinary studies major with a concentration in gender and women's studies.

For more information about obtaining a certificate, completing a minor or creating a concentration in gender and women's studies, call the Gender and Women's Studies office, **410-455-2001**.

Special Opportunities

Internship opportunities exist at such organizations as the Feminist Majority Foundation, the National Organization for Women, Choice USA, Planned Parenthood and many others, including WMST-L, the international electronic discussion forum for women's studies based at UMBC.