MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC POLICY WITH A CONCENTRATION IN WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

OVERVIEW

Along with courses in feminist theory and empirical knowledge about women, gender, and sexuality in the United States and around the world, students take at least four policy courses in the GW Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. Through the program’s interdisciplinary curriculum, students learn to analyze policies and structures of power, particularly as they are grounded in gender, race, sexuality, ethnicity and nationality.

Graduates of the program apply their knowledge and skills to careers in government and as teachers, researchers, lobbyists, public affairs specialists, and advocacy organizations staff members; approximately one-third of program graduates go on to earn doctoral or other professional degrees. Credits earned in this program may be applied toward the PhD in public policy, gender and social policy (https://womensstudies.columbian.gwu.edu/phd-public-policy-gender-and-social-policy) degree program.

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs).

Visit the program website (https://womensstudies.columbian.gwu.edu/masters-program) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degeregulationstext).

36 credits. Students must complete either a thesis or practicum and a master’s comprehensive examination.

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<td><strong>Required (36 credits of course work with or without a thesis)</strong></td>
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<td>WGSS 6220</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Feminist Theory</td>
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**6 credits from one of the following options:**

**WGSS 6283** Practicum in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies

**or**

**WGSS 6283 & WGSS 6295** Practicum in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Independent Research in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

**or**

**WGSS 6998 & WGSS 6999** Thesis Research and Thesis Research

**Electives (9 credits)**

All candidates are required to pass a Master’s Comprehensive Examination

This program is affiliated with the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration (https://tsppa.gwu.edu).