OVERVIEW

A master’s degree program in women’s, gender, and sexuality studies offers a grounding in both feminist theory and empirical knowledge about the condition of women in the United States and around the world. Students may tailor an interdisciplinary program to meet a wide array of interests in either applied women’s, gender, and sexuality studies or in advanced interdisciplinary or discipline-based scholarship.

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.

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

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

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/#degree regulationstext).

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 36 credits, including 15 credits in required courses and 21 credits in elective courses. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination is also required.

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<td>WGSS 6220</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Feminist Theory</td>
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<td>WGSS 6225</td>
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<td>6 credits from one of the following options:</td>
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<td>WGSS 6283 Practicum in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies</td>
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<td>Thesis Research and Thesis Research (taken for 3 credits each)</td>
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Electives

With the advisor’s approval, students develop a four-course (12 credit) concentration. In addition, they take three elective courses (9 credits) that may or may not be related to their chosen concentration.

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

*Another course may be substituted with the advisor’s approval.