BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN WOMEN’S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

A global approach to gender and sexuality, our Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program challenges inequity through cross-disciplinary, intersectional scholarship. Our program is known for its innovative approach, which bridges the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences through the study of topics relating to gender, race, sexuality, ethnicity, and nationality. As a student, you will analyze feminist theory and cross-cultural perspectives, examine historical trends and religious practices, explore policy and power structures, and develop theories and methods for challenging inequality and re-imagining social justice. Beyond the classroom, students have access to unique networking events, research experiences, and internship opportunities—experiences that can only be found in the nation’s capital.

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

ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st St NW Suite 100
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us (http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/).

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

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

33 credits in courses in the major; at least 27 of which must be taken at the 2000 level or above.

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or ANTH 2501  The Anthropology of Gender: Cross-Cultural Perspectives

WGSS 4183  Practicum in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

**Electives**

Three additional courses (9 credits) taken in any combination from the following categories: the above groups, provided the course is not being counted toward the group requirement; WGSS courses not listed here; and other courses approved by an advisor, which might include the following:

- AMST 2410W  Modern U.S. Immigration
- CTAD 1020  Women and the Creative Process
- HONR 1016  Honors Seminar: Origins and Evolution of Modern Thought (Body Politics)
- HONR 1034  Honors Seminar: Scientific Reasoning and Discovery (Human Reproduction)
- PSC 2224  Issues in Domestic Public Policy (*when taught with a woman- or gender-centered focus)

**GENERAL EDUCATION**

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/) as well as CCAS 1001. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

**Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- Writing—4 credits in UW 1020 University Writing and 6 credits taken in at least two writing in the disciplines (WID) courses in two or more separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.
- Humanities—one approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills.
- Mathematics or statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or physical science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences that employ critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning.

**Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:**

- Arts—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or cross-cultural perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Local or civic engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Oral communication—one approved course in oral communication.
- Natural or physical science—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

**Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.**

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major’s (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext) page in this Bulletin.

**SPECIAL HONORS**

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, students must attain a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 in courses counted for the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major and 3.3 overall; receive a grade of A in WGSS 4199; and submit an honors paper to the Program. Upon faculty review of the honors paper, students may be recommended for graduation with Special Honors.
COMBINED PROGRAMS

Combined programs

- Bachelor of Arts with a major in women’s, gender, and sexuality studies (p. 1) and Master of Arts in the field of women’s, gender, and sexuality studies (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/womens-gender-sexuality-studies/ma-womens-gender-sexuality-studies/)

- Bachelor of Arts with a major in women’s, gender, and sexuality studies (p. 1) and Master of Arts in the field of public policy with a concentration in women’s, gender, and sexuality studies