

Women’s and Gender Studies, Integrated Program (BA/MA)

This integrated program to enable currently enrolled, highly motivated undergraduate students with strong intellectual capacities to earn a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts within a five-year period.

The integrated program serves to highlight the intellectual rigor of the WGS program; promote opportunities for undergraduate students to pursue advanced study; improve student preparation for competitive PhD programs; and improve job market opportunities for Liberal Arts graduates.

Admission

Eligibility Requirements:

- Student is majoring in women’s and gender studies at The University of Texas at Austin
- 3.0 GPA
- 60 hours of completed coursework, including timely progress in the Core Curriculum, college, and major requirements
- Meeting with undergraduate advisor for appropriate paperwork to participate in the program every semester
- Consent of the graduate course instructor
- Consent of the department’s undergraduate academic advisor and graduate advisor
- Consent of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Students may begin this process during in March/April of their sophomore year.

Students begin taking graduate courses in their junior year. In the spring of their senior year, students apply to the 5th year through the online graduate application.

Interested students should contact the undergraduate academic advisor before the end of their sophomore year (if possible) to determine eligibility.

Current UT Austin students interested in applying to this program should use [this link](#) to schedule an appointment with the undergraduate academic advisor.

Total Hours Required: 156

Undergraduate: 120

Graduate: 36

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency		6
First-Year Signature Course (090)		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3

WGS 305	Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency		6
Mathematics (020)		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: Lower-division WGS		3
Humanities (040)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Visual and Performing Arts (050)		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Minor/Certificate course		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
American and Texas Government (070)		3
Minor/Certificate course		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
WGS 340	Cross-Cultural Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies	3
WGS 340 or WGS 335	Cross-Cultural Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies or Topics in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies	3
American and Texas Government (070)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)		3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
WGS 350	Feminist Theory	3
WGS 356	Introduction to Feminist Research Methods	3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Free Elective		3
Graduate Coursework		3
Hours		15
Semester 3		
Free Elective		3
Hours		3
Year 4		
Semester 1		
WGS 356	Introduction to Feminist Research Methods	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division WGS		3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Graduate Coursework		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
WGS 379L or WGS 360	Internship in Women’s and Gender Studies or Research and Thesis in Women’s and Gender Studies	3
WGS 379S	Senior Seminar	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division WGS		3
Graduate Coursework		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division		3
Hours		15
Semester 3		
Free Elective		6
Graduate Coursework		3
Hours		9

Year 5	
Semester 1	
Graduate Coursework	9
Hours	9
Semester 2	
Graduate Coursework	9
Hours	9
Semester 3	
Graduate Coursework	6
Hours	6
Total Hours	156

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Undergraduate		
Major		
WGS 301	Introductory Topics in Women's and Gender Studies	3
or WGS 305	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	
WGS 340	Cross-Cultural Topics in Women's and Gender Studies	3
WGS 340	Cross-Cultural Topics in Women's and Gender Studies (chosen from a topic different from the one used above)	3
or WGS 335	Topics in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies	
WGS 350	Feminist Theory (or another feminist theory course chosen from a list of courses approved by the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)	3
WGS 356	Introduction to Feminist Research Methods (or another research methods course chosen from a list of courses approved by the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis)	3
WGS 379L	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies	3
or WGS 360	Research and Thesis in Women's and Gender Studies	
WGS 379S	Senior Seminar	3
Hours chosen from: WGS		3
Hours chosen from: upper-division WGS		6
Subtotal		30
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		9
Subtotal		60
General Education		
Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)		30
Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency		
Subtotal		30
College Requirements - Liberal Arts		
General University Requirements		
Graduate		
Graduate Coursework		36

Subtotal	36
Total Hours	156

Additional Requirements

- It is recommended that six semester hours be taken in women's and gender studies courses originating from outside the College of Liberal Arts.

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
Literature and Writing		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: Writing intensive coursework-see course list (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division Writing intensive coursework-see course list (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6
Choose a sequence below:		12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
or T C 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
E 316L	British Literature	
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency		3
Choose a sequence below: Social Science		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory	
or S S 302D	Honors Social Science: Psychology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302F	Honors Social Science: Economics	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		
Mathematics		
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Hours chosen from: Mathematics		
Choose a sequence below:		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
T C 310	Modes of Reasoning	
or PHL 313Q	Logic and Scientific Reasoning	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		

Choose a sequence below:	15
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology
PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II
Three Hours chosen from:	
Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance	
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy	
Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies	
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.	
Sequence 3: Other Plan I	
Hours chosen from:	
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought	
Total Hours	51

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.