

# WOMEN'S STUDIES

## Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies

Women's Studies Program Learning Outcomes (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/program-learning-outcomes/arts-humanities/womens-studies-minor-program-learning-outcomes/>)

### College of Arts and Humanities

#### Division of World Cultural and Gender Studies

#### Bachelor of Arts

#### Minor

Women's Studies

Degree Roadmaps

## Faculty

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### Women's Studies Advisory Board

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## Program Description

Women's Studies explores the experiences of women in cultures and societies around the world. Students in the program acquire the knowledge and skills to understand the history and structures of gender inequalities and how to advocate for women's rights and freedoms.

CSUDH's Women's Studies Program examines the social construction of gender and sexual difference. Through feminist theory and interdisciplinary methods, Women's Studies explores the ways gender relates to and intersects with ethnicity, race, social class, religion, sexuality, nationality, globalization and other factors that have shaped women's and men's lives.

Students in the Women's Studies Program acquire the knowledge and skills to advocate for social justice and change, learning the importance of interconnecting local and global communities.

## Academic Advisement

The Women's Studies Program is designed to allow students maximum flexibility and to be tailored to their interests and needs. Students should seek faculty advisement upon entering the program and routinely thereafter. Faculty advisors work with students to provide information about program requirements, course availability, coursework, and career options. Advisors will also help students prepare for graduate work in Women's Studies and related fields. Students should contact the Program Coordinator, Dr. Jenn Brandt ([jbrandt@csudh.edu](mailto:jbrandt@csudh.edu)), to set up advising appointments.

## Preparation

No specific high school or community college courses are required as prerequisites. Students are expected to have college-level reading and writing skills and an interest in understanding the complex forces that determine gender roles.

## Career Paths

Understanding the gendered dynamics of society and workforce gives students a competitive edge in meeting the challenges of the contemporary world. Women's Studies helps students evaluate their own

choices and options in a rapidly changing society and understand where and how their talents and skills may best serve their own and society's needs.

Women's Studies helps students prepare for the professional world in a number of ways. As an interdisciplinary program, Women's Studies exposes students to a number of different schools of thought, theories, and methodologies. Students who study Women's Studies go on to a variety of careers in the arts, business, social services, community organizing, and government agencies. Women's Studies can help students specialize their career with a focus on women and gender, and can enhance students' job prospects in counseling, education, law, medicine, and technology, as well as creative fields and other business endeavors.

## Degree Requirements

### Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

### Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

### General Education Requirements (49 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/double-counting-general-education-courses/general-education/>)" requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

### Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

See the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/graduate-writing-examination/>)" in the University Catalog.

### Major Requirements (39 units)

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

#### A. Lower Division Core Requirements (6 units)

WMS 100 Gender, Sex, the Body, & Politics: An Introduction (3)  
WMS 250 Foundations in Women's Studies (3)

#### B. Upper Division Requirements (15 units)

WMS 318 Race, Class and Gender (3)  
WMS 320 Feminist Principles (3)  
WMS 350 Feminist Research Methods (3)  
WMS 400 Feminist Theories (3)  
WMS 490 Senior Capstone (3)

#### C. Electives (18 units)

ENG 347 Literature of Ethnicity and Gender (3)  
CHS 460 Las Chicanas (3)  
HIS 379 The Family In History (3)  
HIS 380 Women In History (3)  
POL 325 Women And Politics (3)  
PSY 376 Psychology Of Gender (3)  
SOC 334 Women In Society (3)  
WMS 310 The Witch in Literature (3)

WMS 311 Comedy, Sex and Gender (3)  
WMS 314 Feminism and Film (3)  
WMS 315 Literature and the Rights of Women (3)  
WMS 494 Independent Study (1-3)  
WMS 495 Special Tpcs: Women's Studies (3)  
WMS 496 Internship in Women's Studies (3)

## **Minor in Women's Studies (15 units)**

### **Requirements**

#### **A. Core Required Courses (3 units)**

WMS 250 Foundations in Women's Studies (3)

#### **B. Electives in Women's Studies (12 units)**

Students may select from the following:

CHS 460 Las Chicanas (3)  
HIS 379 The Family In History (3)  
HIS 380 Women In History (3)  
ENG 347 Literature of Ethnicity and Gender (3)  
POL 325 Women And Politics (3)  
PSY 376 Psychology Of Gender (3)  
SOC 334 Women In Society (3)  
WMS 100 Gender, Sex, the Body, & Politics: An Introduction (3)  
WMS 310 The Witch in Literature (3)  
WMS 311 Comedy, Sex and Gender (3)  
WMS 314 Feminism and Film (3)  
WMS 315 Literature and the Rights of Women (3)  
WMS 318 Race, Class and Gender (3)  
WMS 320 Feminist Principles (3)  
WMS 350 Feminist Research Methods (3)  
WMS 400 Feminist Theories (3)  
WMS 490 Senior Capstone (3)  
WMS 494 Independent Study (1-3)  
WMS 495 Special Tpcs: Women's Studies (3)  
WMS 496 Internship in Women's Studies (3)

**Note:** For frequency of courses listed in programs other than WMS, consult the department that offers the specific course of interest: CHS 460, ENG 347, HIS 379, HIS 380, POL 325, PSY 376, SOC 334.