Major Overview: In Women and Gender Studies, students will explore the gendered aspects of human experience in an interdisciplinary curriculum. In addition to core and elective courses in the WGS curriculum, students can also take electives from across multiple other disciplines at GVSU (sociology, English, history, economics, psychology, etc.). The WGS major and minor empower students to challenge stereotypes about gender and sexuality, to understand feminist perspectives, and to work actively for diverse gender justice.

The Women and Gender Studies major includes the following suggested courses from General Education:

Social and Behavioral Sciences: WGS 200-Intro to Gender Studies
*Optional within the major as an elective

Admission Criteria:
- 2.0 Cumulative GPA
- Declare your major through Banner; B.S. or B.A. in Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Sample Freshman Schedule

Academic Year Course Options

Recommended
WRT 150—Strategies in Writing
MTH 110—Algebra
WGS 200—Introduction to Gender Studies
General Ed Foundations requirements*

Additional
Women & Gender Studies Electives (200 Level recommended):
- WGS 224—Introduction to LGBTQ Studies
- WGS 280—Special Topics in Women and Gender Studies
General Ed Cultures requirements*

*May be fulfilled by major requirement

Note: Students pursuing B.A. WGS option, may choose to begin their language during the first year at GVSU.

Sample Transfer Student Schedule

Academic Year Course Options

Recommended
WGS 200—Introduction to Gender Studies
WGS 360—Foundations in Feminism (WGS 200 preq.)
STA 215—Statistics (part of the B.S. program requirements)
General Ed Foundations and Cultures requirements*

Additional
Women & Gender Studies Electives courses
Gen Ed Issues requirement *

*May be fulfilled by major requirement

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Sample sequencing of Core requirements: WGS 200 → WGS 360 → *WGS 300 → *WGS 450 → **WGS 495

*offered only fall semester
**offered only winter semester

It is highly recommended that you meet with an advisor early in your career at GVSU. To schedule an appointment with a Brooks College advisor please call 616-331-8200.