

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies FAQs

1. What can I do with a major or minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)?

A WGSS Minor or Major will prepare you for a number of careers that will greatly contribute to the common good. Some examples are:

- HR Manager
- PR Specialist
- Advocate for domestic violence victims
- Business owner or entrepreneur/ Business consultant
- OB GYN doctor, nurse, or midwife
- Clinical social worker
- Program director at human rights organization
- Communications consultant with a focus on gender and diversity
- Congressional fellow advocating for women and families
- Sexual assault/sexual abuse educator/ Title IX coordinator
- Human services administrator

A WGSS Minor or Major will give you valuable transferable skills, the kind employers need, such as:

- · Awareness of gender, race and other differences
- Sensitivity to people and problems
- Understanding and interpreting global cultures
- Thinking critically/creatively
- Problem posing/problem solving
- Developing new agendas for old problems
- Connecting with communities

2. What kinds of courses do you offer?

In the Fall we are offering an introductory course, WMST 205 Foundations in Women's Studies, and a topics course, WMST 297 Making and Unmaking Masculinities. Other courses for Fall 2020 are:

- BIOL 106 Women, Medicine and Biology
- COJO 328 Comm of Race, Class & Gender
- ENGL 341 Literature by Women: Between Worlds
- PSYC 205 Psychology of Women
- THEO 100 Women and Theology

3. Do you have internships?

We have many internship opportunities and, as a major, an internship is one of the requirements. Some of the organizations our students consider for their internship requirement are: The Advocates for Human Rights, Breaking Free, Casa de Esperanza, Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Jeremiah Program, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, Minnesota Prison Doula Project, Minnesota Women's Consortium, SOS Sexual Violence Services, Tubman, Twin Cities Doula Project, Women's

Foundation of Minnesota, and many more! Together with the program director you will select an organization that fits your interest and plans after graduation

Also, we have a priority community partner, the Women Environmental Institute (North Branch, MN) where we have co-curricular, hands-on opportunities to learn about organic farming, sustainable land practices and ecological issues from a gender perspective.

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