

Women's Studies

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department

Master of Arts degree in women's studies.
Major in women's studies.
Minor in women's studies.
Certificate in women's studies, basic.
Certificate in women's studies, advanced
(refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*).

The Major

The Department of Women's Studies offers students a course of study which explores traditional disciplines from the perspective of women, develops innovative multidisciplinary approaches, stimulates scholarly research in areas relevant to women, and provides an open forum for the exchange of ideas among students, faculty, and community. We embrace an approach that highlights intersections of oppressions and spans the scale from local to global. The department further seeks to bridge theory and action in working toward a society free from privilege based on age, class, gender and gender identity, nation, physical condition, race, or sexual orientation. SDSU has offered courses in women's studies since 1969 and has one of the strongest academic programs in the nation.

A degree in women's studies may be used as preparation for a wide range of careers. Professional opportunities exist in political and social agencies working with women and developing public policy on women's issues such as health care, employment, family violence, and education. Women's studies students prepare for careers in such fields as community organizing, education, journalism, law, personnel, psychology, public administration, and social services. The skills that women's studies majors develop in critical thinking and analysis are highly valued in many additional occupations and professions today. A women's studies major may also go on to advanced academic work preparing for a career as a women's studies scholar.

Many women's studies majors plan double majors to enhance their career opportunities.

Impacted Program

The women's studies major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the women's studies major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete preparation for the major;
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Women's Studies Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 49991) (SIMS Code: 119501)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in women's studies courses can apply to the degree.

Students majoring in women's studies must complete a minor in another field to be approved by the chair or major adviser of the department.

Preparation for the Major. Women's Studies 101 and 102. (6 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10 or completing one of the upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Internship/International Experience Requirement. All women's studies majors are required to complete either Women's Studies 598 or satisfy an international experience requirement. Women's Studies 598 can be completed any semester after prerequisites are met and approved by the internship director. To meet the international experience requirement, majors must complete one of the following with the approval and written consent of the undergraduate adviser:

1. International Field Trip;
2. International Internship;
3. International Student Exchange;
4. CSU Study Abroad Program.

Scholarships are available for the international experience. The internship and the international experience meet the student learning outcomes in the Women's Studies Department.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units to include nine units from Group I; 12 units from Group II; and Women's Studies 536 and 590.

Group I: Women's Studies 310, 320, 325, 331, 336, 340, 341A-341B, 352, 360, 370, 375, 382, 385; Africana Studies 332*, 473*, Chicana and Chicano Studies 340A*, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies 321*, 322* [or Humanities 322*], Political Science 336*, Religious Studies 370*.

Group II: Women's Studies 512, 515, 520, 522, 530, 535, 540, 545, 560, 565, 570, 572, 580, 581, 582, 585, 596, 598*.

* No more than three units may be applied to the major in women's studies.

Women's Studies Minor

(SIMS Code: 119501)

The minor in women's studies consists of a minimum of 18 units in women's studies, of which 12 units must be upper division to include:

Women's Studies 101, 102, and six units selected from Women's Studies 310, 320, 325, 331, 336, 340, 341A-341B, 352, 360, 370, 375, 382, 385; Africana Studies 332*, 473*, Chicana and Chicano Studies 340A*, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies 321*, 322* [or Humanities 322*], Political Science 336*, Religious Studies 370*.

Six units selected from Women's Studies 512, 515, 520, 522, 530, 535, 536, 540, 545, 560, 565, 570, 572, 580, 581, 582, 585, 590, 596, 598*.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

* No more than three units may be applied to the minor in women's studies.

Women's Studies Certificate

(Offered through the College of Extended Studies)

(SIMS Code: 119504)

The women's studies certificate is offered to non-degree seeking students to provide training in education, health care, community activism, social service agencies, and those concerned with issues relevant to women's lives. Completion of the certificate will increase understanding of women in the humanities, health, and social sciences, as well as become proficient in theories unique to the discipline. Students will learn how women lived, worked, thought, resisted, created knowledge, and engaged in cultural activism.

Students register in upper division Women's Studies courses through the College of Extended Studies. Before being admitted to the program, students must meet with an adviser to map out suitable courses. Applications may be obtained from the College of Extended Studies. Applications may be submitted prior to entering the program or before the completion of six semester units of coursework.

The certificate requires 12 units (four courses) to include Women's Studies 590 (fall) or 536 (spring) and three courses selected from the following overview areas:

Women's Studies Overview: Women's Studies 310, 336, 340, 341A-341B, 352, 370, 375, 385, 512, 515, 530, 535, 560, 570, 580, 581.

Health Overview: Women's Studies 325, 360, 382, 520, 522, 540, 565, 572, 582, 597*.

Any *Health Overview* course may be taken to fulfill *Women's Studies Overview*. Courses must be completed with a grade point average of 2.75 or better. No more than one 300-level course may be taken for the certificate program.

For more information, visit the website at http://womensstudies.sdsu.edu/general_certificate.htm.

* With consent of program adviser.

Courses (WMNST)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

WMNST 101. Women: Self, Identity and Society (3) [GE]

Interdisciplinary introduction to women's studies thought and scholarship in the social sciences, to include such areas as gender-based language, personality development and self-concept, social evolution, family structures, and economic life.

WMNST 102. Women: Images and Ideas (3) [GE]

Major cultural representations of women in ancient through contemporary societies from perspectives in the humanities, including philosophy, religion, art, literature, and history.

WMNST 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

WMNST 310. Global Cultures and Women's Lives (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Comparative study of social, economic, political, and ideological aspects of women's position in local and global contexts. Women's status as impacted by modern, indigenous, transitional, and/or border cultures.

WMNST 320. Socialization of Women (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Impact of formal and informal institutions on female development and roles across the life span.

WMNST 325. Psychology of Women (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Theories of the psychological development of women; investigation of biological and cultural factors influencing personality and behavior.

WMNST 331. Women in Asian Societies (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Socio-economic status of women in Asia. Feminism and the status of women in China, India, Japan, Korea, Philippines, and other countries. Feminist movements in Asia and women's status as affected by changing social, economic, and political orders in Asia.

WMNST 336. Women of Color in the United States (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Experiences of U.S. women of color through study of personal essay/autobiography, oral history, plays/novels, poetry, performance/visual art, theory, and other genres. Themes may include identity, voice, representation, empowerment, oppression, and social change.

WMNST 340. History of Women and Sexuality in Modern Europe (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Experiences, participation, and influence of European-descended women and women of color in Europe and in European colonies from the sixteenth to the twentieth century. Intersections of gender, race, class, sexuality, and power during the modern period.

WMNST 341A-341B. Women in American History (3-3) [AI]

History of American social, cultural, economic, political, and intellectual institutions, focusing on the role and perspective of women. Semester I: From colonization to 1860; Semester II: From 1860 to the present. Satisfies the graduation requirement in American Institutions.

WMNST 352. Women in Literature (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Literature by and about women; appraisals of women's place in various literary genres; historical and contemporary themes; evolution of forms and techniques; relation to other art forms.

WMNST 360. Women's Sexuality and the Body (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Social, cultural, and political aspects of women's sexualities and bodies; relationships among beliefs and practices, and among sexual behaviors and identities in historical context; role of popular culture, scientific, medical, and religious ideas.

WMNST 370. Women, Law, and Policy (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Legal factors affecting women in employment, education, health and welfare, property ownership and criminal justice, including investigation of public policy issues which affect women's lives.

WMNST 375. Sex, Power, and Politics (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Social, economic and political factors which explain women's political status and participation. Topics include institutional structures, leadership and ideology, power and authority, and the women's movement as a political movement.

WMNST 382. Gender, Science, and Technology (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.A.2. Life Sciences required for nonmajors.

Feminist science studies to include women in science, scientific research on sex and gender differences, gender in relation to technology. Social and political impacts of science and technology and global contexts.

WMNST 385. Women's Work: Invisibility and Empowerment (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Conditions and factors affecting women's paid and unpaid work. Marriage, divorce, fertility, and childcare; women's occupations, earnings and education; economics of sex discrimination; government economic policies and women's welfare.

WMNST 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

WMNST 499. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisites: Three upper division units and consent of the department chair and instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

**UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)**

WMNST 512. Latinas in the Americas (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

How social and other factors impact the lives of Latin American women. Theoretical frameworks illuminate their situation. Sociocultural perspectives are offered on Latin American women's life narratives.

WMNST 515. Women: Myth, Ritual, and the Sacred (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Meanings and functions of myths and rituals in their sacred and secular aspects, emphasizing their impact on women's lives and relationships in differing cultural contexts, past and present.

WMNST 520. Reproductive Rights and Justice (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

History, cultural attitudes, and politics of reproduction and sexual health to include abortion, contraception, sterilization, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), HIV/AIDS, sex education, reproductive, and genetic technology.

WMNST 522. Women: Madness and Sanity (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Mental health and mental illness in literature, film, and psychological research. Clinical and feminist approaches to mental health issues in women's lives.

WMNST 530. Women's Movements and Activism (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Comparative study of women's movements worldwide, including organizations, issues and initiatives. Women's diverse social/political strategies within local, national, and global contexts. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

WMNST 535. Lesbian Lives and Cultures (3)

Historical, cultural, and social exploration of lesbianism. Topics include myths and stereotypes, history and literature, social and political movements, theoretical explanations, and current conditions.

WMNST 536. Gender, Race, and Class (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Intersecting theories of gender, race and class in both local and global contexts. Major themes in history, culture, and contemporary lives of women analyzed through feminist and critical race theories.

WMNST 540. Women and the Environment (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Women environmental activists and authors including those in diverse communities, settings, and alliances (native American, British colonial, Asian, American environmental movements, urban environmental justice).

WMNST 545. Women and Sports (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Diverse women's creation of and involvement in recreational and competitive sports, mid-1800s to present to include impact of medical experts' views, homophobia, disability, individual elite athletes, team sports, economic viability, and changes since Title IX.

WMNST 560. Women in Muslim Societies (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Socio-political status of women in Muslim societies in Middle East, North Africa, and Asia; women in the Quran; Muslim women's movements.

WMNST 565. Women: Health, Healing, and Medicine (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Relationship of women to "modern" and "traditional" health care/healing systems in historical and cultural perspective. Representations and practices regarding the politics of women's health and illness.

WMNST 570. Gender, War, and Peace (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Interdisciplinary exploration of women's relation to war, peace, and militarism; women's peace activism and beliefs about motherhood; women's roles in armed conflicts; effects of war on women; military policy and beliefs about masculinity.

WMNST 572. Women and Violence (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Forms of violence against and by women. Processes which shape women's resistance to, and collusion in, social, economic, political, and sexual violence.

WMNST 580. Women, Development, and the Global Economy (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Women's roles as agents and recipients of global economic and political change focusing on women's empowerment, work, health, and the environment. Topics include women's movements worldwide and non-governmental organizations.

WMNST 581. Women's Experiences of Migration (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Gender analysis of impact of international migration on women's lives. Identity formation, trauma, language, gender roles, and sexuality in life narratives of immigrant and refugee women. Economic and legal issues affecting immigrant and refugee women.

WMNST 582. Feminist Science and Activism (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Feminist science studies to examine role of public in creating and challenging scientific knowledge. Case studies of activism and science. May include HIV/AIDS, the environment, sex differences, women's health, and technology.

WMNST 585. Local Feminist Activism and Organizations (3)

Prerequisite: Three upper division units in women's studies.

Links scholarly knowledge about feminist activism and non-profit organizations serving women to specific information about San Diego area. Entering workforce preparation and activism to include economic justice, LGBTQ issues, reproductive rights and justice, sexual violence.

WMNST 590. Feminist Thought (3)

Prerequisites: Six upper division units in women's studies.

Readings of feminist theory in historical perspective, with attention to contemporary debates in feminist scholarship.

WMNST 596. Topics in Women's Studies (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Advanced topics in women's studies. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

WMNST 597. Research Project (3)

Prerequisites: Six upper division units in women's studies and consent of adviser.

Individual research project.

WMNST 598. Women's Studies Internship (3) Cr/NC

Prerequisites: Three upper division units in women's studies and consent of instructor.

Application of women's studies theories and scholarship to community service and activism. Internship includes 120 hours of work in local public and private agencies serving women and girls. Maximum credit six units.

**GRADUATE COURSES
Refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*.**

