

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES, B.A.

Saint Louis University has a growing Department of Women's and Gender Studies, open to both men and women, with courses focusing on women, gender and sexuality across the curriculum of the humanities and social sciences and including professional schools such as nursing, law and social work.

Women's and gender studies is the study of the human experience that places women and gender at the center of the analysis. It is an interdisciplinary field that draws from knowledge and expertise in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. It examines how gender inequality is built into social institutions and practices, envisions more egalitarian alternatives, and studies strategies of social change.

Women's and gender studies looks at both how gender norms vary across cultures, and how they interact with other systems of inequality, such as those based on race and class. Courses range from "Gender and Popular Culture" to "Violence Against Women" to "The History of Women in America," from "Feminist Theory" to "Feminism in Action," and from "Multicultural U.S. Feminisms" to "Global Feminisms."

Curriculum Overview

The bachelor's program offers engaging courses that develop students' multicultural awareness. The program enables individuals to become more reflective about their own lives and the lives of men and women everywhere. Courses encourage students to serve as active citizens of the world.

Students majoring in women's and gender studies take courses that focus on women, gender, sexuality, ethics, families and communities. Women's and gender studies students learn skills designed to help them build communities, develop policies, and understand social relationships. Courses pay particular attention to the intersection of issues of ethnicity, class and sex and explore how differences between men and women structure society. Many students choose to double major in women's and gender studies and another discipline.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

All women's and gender studies majors at SLU participate in a capstone course in which they complete a project under the supervision of an individual faculty member. In this course, students have the experience of working one-on-one with a faculty member who provides special opportunities for mentoring and professional development.

Careers

Students pursue careers in social service agencies, government, corporations and educational institutions; some students go on to master's or doctoral work in women's and gender studies or pursue graduate work in a variety of fields, including social work and law.

Admission Requirements

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College

admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency>)
- Proof of financial support must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to employ central concepts from women's and gender studies to analyze how culture and social institutions shape possibilities for justice in everyday life.

2. Graduates will be able to evaluate central questions, arguments, theories, and movements in connection to contemporary global feminist thought and activism.
3. Graduates will be able to articulate how intersectionality facilitates an analysis of experiences and cultures and shapes feminist approaches to community action and service.
4. Graduates will be able to apply research skills and methodologies shaped by the discipline of women's and gender Studies to undertake an original and substantial theoretical or empirical research project.
5. Graduates will be able to clearly explicate how theoretically-informed civic engagement through an activist or service learning project intervenes in a current social justice issue pertaining to gender, race, or other forms of social inequality.

Requirements

Courses may simultaneously count for multiple majors and minors, and for core requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
College core requirements (p. 2)		57-66
For additional information about core courses (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/#policiestext)		
Required Courses		12
WGST 1900	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	
WGST 3850	Feminism in Action	
WGST 4010	Cultural Analysis	
WGST 4960	Women's Studies: Capstone	
Feminist Theory Requirement		3
WGST 4810	Philosophy of Feminism	
	or WGST 377 Feminist Theory-Gender Justice	
Elective Courses		15
Select five courses from the following sample list. Additional courses cross-listed with WGST may also count.		
WGST 2800	Men and Masculinities	
WGST 2400	Gender and Popular Culture	
WGST 3240	Female Bildungsroman	
WGST 3300	Intercultural Communication	
WGST 3510	The Structure of Poverty	
WGST 3600	Women in Literature	
WGST 3630	Sex, Gender, & Christian Ethic	
WGST 3720	Ren & Mod Political Theories	
WGST 3780	Disability Theory and Politics	
WGST 3800	Violence Against Women	
WGST 4300	Gender & Communication	
WGST 4330	Psychology of Oppression	
WGST 4770	Spanish Women Poets	
WGST 4800	Black Women in Society	
WGST 4860	Global & Transnational Feminism	
General Electives		33-24
Total Credits		120

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a GPA of 2.00 or above in courses for the Women's and Gender Studies major.

Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Components and Credits		
	Foundations of Discourse (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foundations-discourse)	3
	Diversity in the U.S. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/cultural-diversity)	3
	Global Citizenship (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/bs-core/global-citizenship)	3
	Foreign Language (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foreign-language)	0-9
	Fine Arts (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/fine-arts)	3
	Literature (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/literature)	6
	Mathematics (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/mathematics)	3
	Natural Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/sciences)	6
	Philosophy (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/philosophy)	9
	Social Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/social-science)	6
	Theology (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/theology)	9
	World History (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/world-history)	6
Total Credits		57-66

Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses [numbered below 1000]).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements
- Complete Major Requirements: minimum 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or elective credits to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Courses listed under the intensive English program do not count toward graduation requirements. EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr), EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies (3 cr) and EAP 2850 Introduction to Literature for International Students (3 cr) count toward graduation requirements as equivalents to Department of English courses. In addition to those courses, six credits from EAP/MLNG courses at the 1000 level or higher may count toward graduation requirements
- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s) and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete Dept/Program specific academic and performance requirements.

- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
Participation in First Year Mentoring Events		
WGST 1900	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
WGST Elective		3
UNIV 1010	Univ 101: Enhancing 1st yr Suc	1
A&S Core		6
Elective/Supplementary Major/Minor		3
Credits		16
Spring		
WGST Elective		3
A&S Core		6
Elective/Supplementary Major/Minor		6
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
Second Year Mentoring Activities		
WGST 3850	Feminism in Action	3
A&S Core		6
Elective/Supplementary Major/Minor		6
Credits		15
Spring		
WGST Elective		3
A&S Core		9
Elective/Supplementary Major/Minor		6
Credits		18
Year Three		
Fall		
Third Year Mentoring Activities		
WGST 4010	Cultural Analysis	3
WGST 3775	Feminist Theory-Gender Justice	3
A&S Core		6

Elective/Supplementary Major/Minor		3
Credits		15
Spring		
WGST 4960	Women's Studies: Capstone	3
A&S Core		6
Elective/Supplementary Major/Minor		6
Credits		15
Year Four		
Fall		
Fourth Year Mentoring Activities		
WGST Elective		3
A&S Core		6
Elective/Supplementary Major/Minor		6
Credits		15
Spring		
WGST Elective		3
A&S Core		6
Elective/Supplementary Major/Minor		6
Credits		15
Total Credits		124