WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

The post-baccalaureate certificate in women's and gender studies at Saint Louis University is designed to offer adult learners the opportunity to earn a graduate credential in the field through part-time study.

The certificate provides professional development opportunities for individuals seeking to enhance their expertise on issues relating to women, gender and sexuality. The program offers an interdisciplinary education about contemporary social justice issues, preparing students for leadership and advocacy roles. It is particularly suited for working professionals currently employed in areas such as education, business, government, student services, social services, advocacy, and the nonprofit arena. Eligible applicants are those who will have completed an undergraduate degree before beginning the program and who will not otherwise be enrolled in a SLU degree program.

Curriculum Overview

The certificate requires the successful completion of nine credits (three courses), distributed among the categories of theory, practice, and elective.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Students have the option of completing a graduate-level internship under the supervision of a faculty member.

Careers

The certificate offers development opportunities for professionals employed in areas such as education, business, government, student services, social services, advocacy, and the nonprofit arena.

Admission Requirements

- Undergraduate transcripts (unofficial copies of transcripts are acceptable)
- Current resume
- One letter of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Writing sample of applicant’s choosing

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be familiar with the diversity of women’s lives and experiences.
2. Graduates will be able to understand and articulate key feminist theories and ideas.
3. Graduates will be able to develop a readily applicable skill, such as how to teach a women’s and gender studies course, how to assess a social service program, or how to effect social change.

Requirements

The certificate requires the successful completion of nine credits (three courses).

The courses may be taken in any order, with the exception of the internship, which cannot be taken in the first semester.

Students may not earn both the graduate minor and the post-baccalaureate certificate.

**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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Theory Course | | |
WGST 5010 | Feminist Theories | 3
or WGST 5020 | Feminist Epistemologies |
Practice Course | | |
Select one course from the following: | 3 |
WGST 5030 | Feminist Research Design |
WGST 5040 | Current Feminist Issues |
WGST 5050 | Program Evaluation |
WGST 5910 | Graduate Internship |
Program Elective | | |
Select one course with either a WGST number, cross-listing or attribute, such as: | 3 |
WGST 5716 | Dismantling Oppression: Exploring Equity & Inclusion (also SWRK 5716) |
WGST 6650 | 20th Century Postcolonial Literature (also ENGL 6650) |
WGST 6833 | Employment Discrimination (also LAW 8210) |
Total Credits | 9

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

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**
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Year One | | |
Fall | | |
WGST 5010 | Feminist Theories | 3
or WGST 5020 | Feminist Epistemologies |
WGST 5030 | Feminist Research Design | 3
or WGST 5040 | Current Feminist Issues |
Credits | 6
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