BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN STUDY OF WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Program Learning Outcomes for the BA Degree with a Major in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality

Upon completing the BA degree with a major in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the diversity of feminist thought in the past and present.
2. Demonstrate familiarity with key issues in the study of women’s lives and histories.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of social, political, and cultural features of gender and sexuality in the US and globally.
4. Understand diverse global feminist perspectives, including critical race studies and feminist contributions to social and critical theory.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the feminist concept of engaged research based upon cumulative practice as engaged researchers in extra-classroom activities.
6. Develop skill in analytical writing as well as oral and visual presentation.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality must complete:

- A minimum of 12-13 courses (36-37 credit hours) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 60 credit hours outside of major requirements.
- A maximum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) from a single department course offering/subject code outside of the SWGS course offerings/subject code (or not cross-listed with the SWGS course offerings/subject code). A minimum of 5 courses (15 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.

Double majors who drop the other major are required to meet the requirements listed for single majors.

All students must work out their individual courses of study with their faculty advisors. Each student’s course of study must be approved by the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality advisor. Course requirement tracking forms are available in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality office.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this major. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the major’s academic advisor, or where applicable, the department’s Director of Undergraduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the major’s Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier).) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

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Core Requirements

Select 1 Non-Western Studies Elective (see below for course list) | 3 |
Select 1 Critical Race Studies Elective (see below for course list) | 3 |
Select 1 from the following: | 3 |
- SWGS 345 / HIST 340 | HISTORY OF FEMINISM |

1 Theory Elective (see below for course list) | 3 |

Research, Practicum, and Seminar

Select 1 of the following: | 6-7 |
- Research, Practicum, and Seminar |
- SWGS 494 | PRE-SEMINAR IN ENGAGED RESEARCH |
- SWGS 496 | ENGAGED RESEARCH PRACTICUM |
- SWGS 497 | ENGAGED RESEARCH SEMINAR |
- Honors Research and Thesis: |
- SWGS 498 | RESEARCH IN THE STUDY OF WOMEN GENDER SEXUALITY |
- SWGS 499 | RESEARCH IN THE STUDY OF WOMEN GENDER SEXUALITY |

Elective Requirements | 2 |
Select 6 courses from department approved electives or from additional electives in Non-Western, Critical Race Studies, or Theory (see below for course lists)  

Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Women, Gender and Sexuality (for single majors)  

Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Women, Gender and Sexuality (for double majors)  

Additional Credit Hours to Complete BA Degree Requirements  

University Graduation Requirements (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements)  

Total Credit Hours 120

Footnotes and Additional Information  

* Includes coursework completed as distribution credit, FWIS, LPAR upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), 60 hours outside of the major (if applicable), and any additional academic program requirements. The "hours outside of the major" requirement may include all of the above university requirements.

1 Double majors who drop the other major are required to meet the requirements listed for single majors.

2 Students may pursue an optional specialization in Poverty, Social Justice and Human Capabilities. See an advisor for more information.

3 Double majors may satisfy this requirement by selecting 4 courses (12 credit hours) from the department approved electives, or from additional electives in Non-Western Studies, Critical Race Studies, or Theory.

Course Lists to Satisfy Requirements  

Elective Requirements  
Students must select a minimum of 1 course (3 credit hours) from Non-Western Studies and a minimum of 1 course (3 credit hours) from Critical Race Studies. If SWGS 345/HIST 340 is not selected as a Core Requirement, students must select a minimum of 1 course (3 credit hours) from Theory electives. To fulfill the remaining major requirements, students must complete a total of 6 courses (18 credit hours) from the department approved electives, or from additional electives in Non-Western Studies, Critical Race Studies, or Theory. Course offerings may vary from year to year, and students are urged to consult with the undergraduate advisor or with the director at the beginning of each semester.

Non-Western Studies Electives  

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<td>SEX, MONEY, AND POWER AROUND THE WORLD</td>
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<td>SWGS 315 / RELI 315 / ASIA 315</td>
<td>GENDER AND ISLAM</td>
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<td>SWGS 384 / HIST 384 / ASIA 328</td>
<td>MODERN GIRL AND ASIA IN THE WORLD</td>
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<td>SWGS 394 / SOCI 394</td>
<td>HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN GLOBAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES</td>
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Critical Race Studies Electives  

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<td>SWGS 234 / HIST 241</td>
<td>U.S. WOMEN'S HISTORY I: COLONIAL BEGINNINGS TO THE CIVIL WAR</td>
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<td>SWGS 235 / HIST 242</td>
<td>U.S. WOMEN'S HISTORY II: CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT</td>
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<td>SWGS 329 / ENGL 369</td>
<td>THE AMERICAN WEST AND ITS OTHERS</td>
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<td>19TH CENTURY WOMEN'S NARRATIVES</td>
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<td>SEX AND GENDER IN MODERN JEWISH CULTURE</td>
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<td>SWGS 466 / ENGL 481</td>
<td>LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN'S CULTURE</td>
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Department Approved Electives  

Select up to 6 courses from the following (or select additional courses from the course lists above):  

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<td>INTRODUCTION TO FEMINISM</td>
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<td>SWGS 130 / FSEM 130 / GERM 130</td>
<td>WOMEN AND NAZI GERMANY</td>
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SWGS 205 / LING 205  LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY
SWGS 273 / ENGL 273  MEDICINE AND MEDIA
SWGS 301 / ENGL 317 / MDEM 317  ARTHURIAN LITERATURE
SWGS 303  GENDER AND SCIENCE
SWGS 305 / ENGL 316 / MDEM 316  CHAUCER
SWGS 306 / HEAL 306  HUMAN SEXUALITY
SWGS 308  THE FUTURE OF FOOD: FEMINIST, QUEER, AND CRITICAL APPROACHES
SWGS 320 / THEA 320  GENDER, SEXUALITY AND THE ADAPTATION OF TRANSNATIONAL LITERATURE TO PERFORMANCE
SWGS 324 / SOCI 306  SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER
SWGS 325 / SOCI 334  SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY
SWGS 327 / ENGL 381  TOPICS IN WOMEN WRITERS
SWGS 331 / PSYC 331  PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER
SWGS 332 / ANTH 325  SEX, SELF, AND SOCIETY IN ANCIENT GREECE
SWGS 333 / ANTH 311  MASculinities
SWGS 335 / ANTH 388  THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE HISTORICAL IMAGINATION
SWGS 336 / ANTH 308  JANE AUSTEN'S WORLDS
SWGS 343 / ENGL 343  SEMINAR ON LOVE: MAKING LOVE IN MODERN ART AND THOUGHT
SWGS 346 / HART 346  NEW GERman FILM: HIltER's CINEMATIC CHILDREN
SWGS 350 / ANTH 327  ILLNESS, DISABILITY, and THE GENDERED BODY
SWGS 353 / ANTH 354  QUEER LITERARY CULTURES
SWGS 358 / GERM 321 / HUMA 321 / HART 385  LITERATURE OF THE AMERICAS
SWGS 361 / GERM 338 / HUMA 373  NEW GERman FILM: HIltER's CINEMATIC CHILDREN
SWGS 364 / ENGL 354  QUEER LITERARY CULTURES
SWGS 372 / ENGL 342  SURVEY OF VICTORIAN FICTION
SWGS 378 / ENGL 378  LITERATURE OF THE AMERICAS
SWGS 385  SEXUAL DEBATES IN THE U.S.: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS OF SUPREME COURTS DECISIONS
SWGS 389 / ENGL 389  YOUTH STUDIES
SWGS 390 / SPOO 385  TRENDS IN HISPANIC CINEMA
SWGS 393  SCIENCE, FEMINISM AND CHRISTIANITY IN THE AMERICAN 20TH CENTURY
SWGS 398 / HIST 398  FREEDOM OF SPEECH
SWGS 424 / FREN 424  WOMEN IN FRANCE
SWGS 434 / HART 434 / MDEM 434  SEEING SEX IN EUROPEAN ART, 1400-1700
SWGS 440  SCIENCE, FEMINISM AND CHRISTIANITY IN THE AMERICAN 20TH CENTURY
SWGS 465 / SOCI 465  GENDER AND HEALTH
SWGS 485 / HART 485  INDEPENDENT STUDY

Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality

Transfer Credit
For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of transfer credit advisors on their website: https://oaa.rice.edu. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines
Students pursuing the major in Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality website: https://cswgs.rice.edu/

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality

Academic Honors
The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see Latin Honors (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and
cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

**Honors Program**

Students wishing to pursue the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality Honors Program will complete a thesis. The process of preparing the thesis begins in the late spring of the junior year.

In that spring semester, the student chooses an advisor from the SWGS faculty and with that advisor produces a proposal for a research project. The proposal must be approved by the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality major advisor by the last day of the exam period in the spring of the junior year.

In the fall of the senior year, students enroll in SWGS 498 for directed research supervised by a CSWGS faculty affiliate and are in regular consultation with their advisors.

In the spring of the senior year, students enroll in SWGS 499 and work closely with their advisors as they complete the thesis. Honors students present their projects in a public event at the end of the semester.

**Research, Practicum, and Seminar**

The Engaged Research Practicum and Seminar courses (SWGS 494, SWGS 496, and SWGS 497) are open to non-majors. Permission of the instructor is required as well as some background in the study of women, gender or sexuality.

**Additional Information**

For additional information, please see the Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality website: https://cswgs.rice.edu/.

See https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this major.