WGSS Major Checklist

Students must submit this completed form to the Registrar’s Office in Dowling Hall along with degree verification forms.
A copy should be submitted to the WGSS office.

First Name __________________________________________ Last Name ____________________________________________

Major(s) ____________________________________________ Class ______________ ID#________________________

Telephone number __________________________ Email address __________________________

Permanent address __________________________________________________________________________________________

Please list all courses taken to count toward completion of the major

Required Courses:

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Core Courses:

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Electives: Five courses from at least three different departments chosen from the WGSS course listing

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Elective Cluster Topic: ____________________________________________

Note for all courses: To count a course towards a WGSS major or minor, all significant writing/research projects must focus on a relevant topic in the study of women, gender, and/or sexuality. All courses must be taken for a letter grade and receive a grade of C- or higher.

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Student’s Signature __________________________ Date __________

WGSS Director Signature __________________________ Date __________

24-Nov-14
Major in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

The major in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies gives students the opportunity to pursue their own intellectual interests within the multi-faceted study of women, gender, and/or sexuality. All majors take two interdisciplinary courses offered by the Program (WGSS72: Intro to WGSS and WGSS190: Doing Feminist Research); two core courses that explore the broad, foundational questions and arguments within specific disciplines or interdisciplinary fields of study; and five electives chosen from at least three different departments or programs that engage particular subjects, issues, and materials in the study of women, gender, and/or sexuality. Among the five electives, students take at least three within a concentration area chosen from those suggested on the Program website or designed individually in consultation with the Program Director based on a student's focus of interest. In addition, all majors do a capstone project in the senior year that develops from the concentration area, either as a mentored independent project (WGSS193) or, if eligible, an honors thesis (WGSS198/199). The Director of WGSS serves as academic advisor to the major and oversees the progress of all students in the Program. Two faculty mentors from different disciplines appropriate to the topic advise on the capstone project or thesis in the senior year. With the Director's approval, one internship for credit, one Experimental College course, and one independent research course may count as electives. All courses must be taken for a letter grade and receive a grade of C- or higher. With approval from the Director, up to four credits can be transferred from another institution towards the major.

1. **WGSS 72** Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Spring)

2. Two courses which explore the broad, foundational questions and arguments in feminist approaches within specific disciplines or interdisciplinary fields of study, covering a diversity of perspectives, including attention to local, national and transnational issues and context. Courses currently available in this category:

   - ED 192 Feminist Theories in Education
   - ENG 177 Feminism, Literature, Theory
   - PHIL 48 Feminist Philosophy
   - REL 104 Feminist Theologies
   - SOC 30 Sex & Gender in Society
   - WGSS 73 Introduction to Queer Studies

3. Five elective courses chosen from the WGSS course list and representing at least three different departments. Three of these electives should be clustered into a concentration area within the study of women, gender and/or sexuality towards developing the focus of the senior capstone project or thesis. Students define their own concentration areas or choose one from those suggested on the Program website, with the advice and approval of the Director of WGSS.

4. **WGSS 190** Doing Feminist Research (Fall)

5. **WGSS 193** Senior Project (Fall or Spring) or WGSS198/199 (Full Year)

*NOTE FOR ALL COURSES: To count a course towards a WGSS major or minor, the significant writing/research projects in the course must focus on a relevant topic in the study of women, gender, and/or sexuality.*