Gender and Women's Studies

Gender and Women's Studies examines the gendered diversity of human experience. It uses the lens of gender to explore stratification, colonization, power relationships and cultural stereotypes, and it encourages a sense of empowerment through an examination of commonality and diversity. Through an interdisciplinary program of courses, students will explore the role of gender and its practical implications for their basic life experiences. Students will extend their learning beyond the classroom through community and university engagement and social action.

Note: The Gender and Women's Studies minor is especially complementary to majors in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, English, Humanities, Criminal Justice, Health, and Political Science. It is also useful in preparation for diverse professional environments such as business, education, law, and medicine and for graduate study in gender and women's studies.

Programs

- Gender and Women's Studies *minor*

Career Directions

See "Note" in description.

Preparation

Recommended High School Courses

Women's Studies
Gender Studies

Areas of Interest

Anti-Discrimination
Community Service
Ending Gender Violence
Ending Poverty
Environmental Concerns
Gender Equity
Grassroots Activism
Peace and Justice
Politics and Social Change

Gender and Women's Studies *minor*

Multiple Credentials
Any additional major, minor or certificate in a degree must have at least 6 credits of course work not used to meet the requirements of another major, minor or certificate in the degree.

Note: No course grade below a C may be used to meet these requirements. At least 12 of the credits have to be taken at Bemidji State University.

Required Credits: 18
Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED CORE COURSES

Complete the following courses:

- COMM 3150 Gender Communication (3 credits)
- GWS 1110 Introduction to Gender Studies (3 credits)
- GWS 3850 Sex, Gender and Power: Theories and Practice (3 credits)
- SOC 4270 Intersectionality (3 credits)

II REQUIRED ELECTIVES

Select 2 of the following 2000 level courses:

- ANTH 2610 Women around the World (3 credits)
- PSY 2200 Human Sexuality (4 credits)
- SOC 2240 Sociology of Gender - Current Topics (3 credits)

Gender and Women's Studies Courses

GWS 1110 Introduction to Gender Studies (3 credits)
This course offers an introduction to Gender Studies, an interdisciplinary academic field that explores critical questions about the meaning of gender in society. The primary goal of this course is to familiarize students with key issues, questions and debates in Gender Studies scholarship, from a historical and contemporary perspective. Gender scholarship critically analyzes themes of gendered performance and power in a range of social spheres, such as philosophy, economics, history, religion, politics and health. [Core Curriculum Goal Area 7 & 8]

GWS 3850 Sex, Gender and Power: Theories and Practice (3 credits)
How, and from where, does gender emerge? What are the implications when the workings of power are played out in existing societal systems and relational understandings of gender? Students will examine feminist theories, liberal, socialist, radical, multicultural, postcolonial, ecofeminist; as well as Queer theory. This exploration of theory will introduce students to one of the most exciting and dynamic areas of contemporary inquiry, while preparing them for engagement in social movement, community and social transformation, and social justice.

GWS 4917 DIS Tchg Assoc | (1-2 credits)
Directed Independent Study | Teaching Associate

All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY
1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP

1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS