

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES (B.A.)

The Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies major is an interdisciplinary academic program that provides students with a knowledge of the history and evolution of feminist theory and practice. It imparts to students an understanding of the feminist debates that take place in a multitude of disciplines and the role that these play in broadening and restructuring other disciplines. The program situates Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies within a cross-cultural context and enhances students' awareness of issues affecting women in different cultural, religious, ethnic, economic, and class settings. Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies empowers students to participate in transforming repressive cultural and political practices and to use their knowledge to create a personal and communal agenda aimed at social change.

The Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies major prepares students for postgraduate education in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies and for careers in fields related to social services, education, psychology, communications and the media, the arts, law, health professions and community action work.

120 credits of coursework is required for the baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA.

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
SEEDS	General Education Requirements	27-30
	New Student Seminar	1
	Major Requirements	33
	Free Electives	59-56
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core		
GLQS 100	Introduction to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (GLBTQ) Studies	3
GLQS 201	Queer Identities in a Transforming World: The Trouble with Normal	3
GSWS 102	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
GSWS 200	Transnational Feminisms	3
GSWS 402	Senior Seminar in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies	3
Distribution Electives		
<i>Historical Issues</i>		
HUMN 283 or GSWS 201	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Ancient World Inventing Feminism	3
<i>Theoretical Issues</i>		
GSWS 301	Feminist Theory in Transnational Contexts	3
<i>Professional Development</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENTR 201	The Entrepreneurial Mindset and Innovation	
WRIT 206	Workplace Writing	
PSYC 294	Psychology of Leadership: Theory and Application	

GSWS 350 Writing Women Safe: Writing, Rape Prevention, and Community Activism

Major Electives

Select three courses from the list below, with at least 6 credits at the 200 level or above. 9

Total Credits 33

Major Electives

Code	Title	Credits
<i>English</i>		
ENFL 365	Gender and Sexuality in Film	3
ENGL 117	World Literature: Voices of Tradition and Challenge	3
ENGL 227	Queer Fiction	3
ENGL 230	Images of Muslim Women in Twentieth Century Literature and Culture	3
ENGL 237	Black Women Writers: US	3
ENGL 294	Women Poets	3
ENGL 301	The Novels of Toni Morrison	3
ENGL 372	Women Prose Writers	3
If focus is appropriate, the following may be used:		
ENGL 250	Special Topics in English or American Literature	3
ENGL 492	Seminar in Comparative Literature	3
ENGL 493	Seminar in American Literature	3
ENGL 494	Seminar in English Literature	3
<i>Entrepreneurship</i>		
ENTR 201	The Entrepreneurial Mindset and Innovation	3
ENTR 290	Special Topics in Entrepreneurship	3
ENTR 301	Creating Your Startup Business Model	3
ENTR 302	Preparing to Pitch and Launch Your Startup	3
<i>Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies</i>		
GLQS 206	Introduction to Fat Studies: Exploring Fat Studies through Race, Class, Gender, and Queerness	3
GLQS 302	Special Topics in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies	3
GSWS 201	Inventing Feminism	3
GSWS 302	Special Topics in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies	3
GSWS/ENGL 308	Gender and Sexuality in Asian American Literature	3
GSWS/HIST 314	Women and Migration	3
GSWS/JUST 316	Victimology	3
GSWS/HUMN 345	Imaging Medieval and Early Modern Women	3
GSWS/WRIT 350	Writing Women Safe: Writing, Rape Prevention, and Community Activism	3
GSWS/JUST 355	Human Trafficking	3
GSWS/JURI 376	Feminist Jurisprudence	3
GSWS 401	Independent Study: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies	3
GSWS 410	Cooperative Education: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies	3
GSWS/POLS 436	Washington, D.C. Internship	3
GSWS 481	The Legal Rights of Women	3
<i>History</i>		
HIST 215	United States Women's History	3

HIST 309	Feminist Ideas in Western Thought	3
HIST 334	Women and Gender in the Middle East: Past and Present	3
<i>Philosophy/Religion</i>		
PHIL 339	Contemporary Continental Philosophy	3
RELG 267	Women and Religion	3
RELG 304	Feminist Views of Religion	3
<i>Political Science</i>		
POLS 214	Gender and Politics	3
POLS 416	Special Topics in Political Science (if focus is appropriate)	3
<i>Public and Professional Writing</i>		
WRIT 206	Workplace Writing	3
WRIT 208	Digital Writing: Composing with Text, Image, and Sound	3
WRIT 400	Community Writing: Theories, Practices, and Partnerships	3
<i>Sociology</i>		
SOCI 426	Sociology of Sexuality	3
SOCI 430	Sociology of Gender	3
<i>Other Electives</i>		
AFAM 207	The Black Woman: An Introductory Course	3
ANTH 340	The Anthropology of Work	3
ANTH 380	Anthropology: Gender and Sexuality	3
ANTH 423	Community and Health	3-4
ARTX 201	Culture and Appearance	3
ECON 250	Special Topics in Economics (if focus is appropriate)	3
EDFD 264	Gender Issues in Education	3
FSHD 205	Women in Contemporary Society	3
FSHD 345	Gender in a Changing World	3
FREN/FRIN 283	Introduction to Women Authors of French-Speaking Africa	3
HUMN 283	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Ancient World	3
HUMN 383	Women in Antiquity	3
HLTH 290	Human Sexuality	3
HLTH 295	Sexuality Education in the Schools	3
JUST 320	Women and Prison	3
LALS 205	Image and Identity: Representation of Latin American Women in Film and Fiction	3
LNGN 255	Language and Gender	3
MUHS 404	Special Topics in Music History (if focus is appropriate)	3
PSYC 265	Psychology of Women	3
PSYC 294	Psychology of Leadership: Theory and Application	3
SPAN 473	Sexual Subversion in Contemporary Hispanic Literature and Film	3

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Students in the Adult Learner program must take GNED 100.		
Complete one course from the following. Some courses may be restricted by major. Consult with an academic advisor.		1
ADVS 198	Pathways to Success	

CHEM 190	Freshman Seminar in Chemistry
FYS 100	First Year Seminar
GNED 100	Adult Academic Success Seminar
GNED 199	New Student Seminar
HPEM 199	Freshman Seminar in Health and Physical Education
IDS 155	Pathways to Adult Learning
JUST 199	New Student Seminar
MATH 102	New Student Experience for Mathematical Sciences
MUGN 199	Freshman Seminar for Music Majors
NURS 199	Introduction to Nursing
POLS 199	Freshman Seminar in Political Science and Law

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing I course.		3
<i>Effective Writing II</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing II course.		3
<i>Interactive Communication</i>		
Complete one Interactive Communication course.		3
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>		
Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.		3
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>		
Complete one Political and Civic Life course.		3
<i>World Language</i>		
Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.		3-6
Exploration		
Complete one course from four different Exploration categories		9
<i>Analyzing Cultures and Societies</i>		
Fulfilled by GSWS 102 in the major.		
<i>Creative Expression</i>		
<i>Ethical Inquiry</i>		
<i>Historical Thinking</i>		
<i>Literary and Artistic Analysis</i>		
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>		
Total Credits		27-30

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and **MUST** be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is

required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
GSWS 102 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Analyzing Cultures and Societies)		3 GLQS 100	3
SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning		3 GSWS 200	3
New Student Seminar		1 SEEDS: Exploration 2 - Creative Expression recommended	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I		3 SEEDS: Exploration 3 - Historical Thinking recommended	3
SEEDS: Interactive Communication		3 SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
SEEDS: Political and Civic Life		3	
	16		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
GSWS 301		3 SEEDS: World Language 2 or Free Elective	3
SEEDS: Exploration 4 - Literary and Artistic Analysis recommended		3 GLQS 201	3
SEEDS: World Language 1		3 GSWS 201 or HUMN 283	3
Free Elective or Minor course		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective or Minor course		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		1 Free Elective	1
	16		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Professional Development Major Elective		3 GSWS 402	3
Major Elective course 1		3 Major Elective course 3	3
Major Elective course 2		3 Free Elective or Minor course	3
Free Elective or Minor course		3 Free Elective or Minor course	3
Free Elective or Minor course		3 Free Elective or Minor course	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Free Elective or Minor course		3 Free Elective or Minor course	3
Free Elective or Minor course		3 Free Elective or Minor course	3

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Free Elective or Minor course	3 Free Elective or Minor course	3
Free Elective or Minor course	3	
15		12
Total Credits 120		