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## The Women's & Gender Studies (WGS) program

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In our classes, you will discover and ask questions that perhaps no one's ever challenged you with before: How have women been portrayed in the media and religion? In what ways do gender stereotypes influence politics and literature? How does our society compare to others in its treatment of women?

When you major in Women's & Gender Studies, you study a range of courses including – politics, communication, literature, history, art, sociology, and psychology from many different perspectives. You will take an interdisciplinary set of courses introducing you to hidden histories, explores complex social structures, confronts injustice and oppression, and prepares you to be citizens of the future.

For additional program information on a **Women's & Gender Studies Major or Minor** please contact:

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## Women's and Gender Studies

### Explore hidden histories.

The Women's & Gender Studies (WGS) program address a wide-ranging selection of issues, not only women's issues, but issues related more broadly to gender and sexuality. WGS courses examine how categories of identity (e.g., sexuality, race, class, gender, age, ability, etc.) and structures of inequality are connected and should be examined and understood in relationship to one another. You will explore the diversity of women's lives, their distinctive roles and contributions in society, and the social constructions of gender. You become aware of the diversity of our social experiences of gender as well as the systems of inequality in which we live.

### Make a difference.

The Women's & Gender Studies major and minor build skills in critical thinking and problem solving, data collection and analysis, oral, written and presentation skills, and co-operative teamwork skills applicable to a wide range of careers. For example, the project development skills of compiling and organizing information may be equally useful whether working as a lobbyist, a development officer, or an account manager. At CSU, Women's & Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary program offered jointly by 18 departments and three colleges. A background in Women's and Gender Studies provides academic credentials and transferrable skills.

## Why study Women's & Gender Studies?

Employers are looking for critical thinking, writing, presentation and problem-solving skills. A major or minor in Women's and Gender studies gives you transferable skills for future job(s). Women's and Gender Studies students may find employment in a variety of areas depending on their skills and experience. Some students find work in the area of advocacy or social services-related positions, community development, business, and government. Others find work in education, health care, and/or law.

## Transferable Skills

### What can you offer your employer?

When you complete the Women's & Gender Studies program you will have the ability to:

- Critically examine evidence and information.
- Plan projects and conduct needs assessment
- Communicate clearly with a diverse groups of people
- Find and use information on contemporary social issues
- Understand differences of gender, sexuality, race, culture, and social class in the work place

If you are interested in being a **Women's & Gender Studies** student (major or minor) or if you still have questions, contact either:

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## Major

To major in Women's & Gender Studies, students must take a minimum of 30 semester hours in Women's and Gender Studies courses. Courses are to be distributed over three departments with at least 6 credits in the humanities and 6 credits in the social sciences.

### Required Courses

- WST 151** Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies
- WST 495** Advanced Seminar
- WGS Humanities** (6 credits)
- WGS Social Sciences** (6 credits)
- WGS Elective** (12 credits)

*9 credit hours must be at the 300- to 400-level*



## Minor

The Women's & Gender Studies minor requires a minimum of 15 credit hours in courses designated as Women's and Gender Studies.

### Required Courses

- WST 151** Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies
- WST 495** Advanced Seminar
- WGS Humanities** (3 credits)
- WGS Social Sciences** (3 credits)
- WGS Elective** (3 credits)