College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Department of Sociology  
Minor: Women's and Gender Studies (WGS)  
For students graduating in calendar year 2017

The Minor in Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) requires the completion of 18 credits as outlined below. Three specific courses are required. Nine additional credits of electives, with six at the 3000 or 4000 level, are also required. Students must complete at least three credits of WGS coursework (including cross-listed and approved courses) with a focus on gender and race (designated below with an *).

**Required (to be taken in sequence) (9 credits):**

- WGS 1824  
  Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3)  
- WGS 2114  
  Feminist Theory (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  
- WGS 4224  
  Women's Studies Seminar (3) (topics vary)  
  Pre: WGS 2114

**Electives at the 2000 Level (3 credits):**

- WGS 2224  
  Women and Creativity (3)  
  Pre: WGS 1824  
- WGS 2234 (AFST 2234) (RLCL 2234)  
  Women, Ethics, and Religion* (3)  
- WGS 2244  
  Women and Science (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  
- WGS 2254 (SOC 2254)  
  Feminist Activism (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  
- WGS 2264 (AFST 2264) (SOC 2264)  
  Race, Class, Gender, and Sexualities* (3)  
  Pre: WGS 1824  
- WGS 2284 (SOC 2284)  
  Lesbian, Gays, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  
- WGS 2734 (AFST 2734) (RLCL 2734)  
  Black Women in the US* (3)  
- WGS 2974  
  Independent Study (variable credit) (by arrangement with a professor)

**Electives at the 3000 and 4000 Level (6 credits):**

- WGS 3004  
  Topics in Feminism (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  
  (may be repeated with a different topic)  
- WGS 3214  
  Global Feminisms* (Pre: WGS 2264)  
- WGS 3324 (SOC 3324) (STS 3324)  
  Perspectives on the Biology of Women (Pre: 1824 or permission of instructor)  
- WGS 4214 (SOC 4214) (UAP 4214)  
  Women, Environment, and Development in a Global Perspective (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)  
- WGS 4704 (STS 4704)  
  Gender and Science (3) (Pre: WGS 2244 or STS 1504)  
- WGS 4754  
  Internship (3) (Pre: WGS 1824) (by arrangement with professor)  
- WGS 4974  
  Independent Study (variable credit) (by arrangement with professor)
Pre-approved electives for the WGS Minor:

Note: Other pre-approved electives outside of WGS for a given semester are listed on the WGS Website. Non-WGS courses may not be substituted for 1000- and 2000-level WGS courses.

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<td>Topics in Women's Literature (3)</td>
<td>Pre: ENGL 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016</td>
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<td>HD 3114</td>
<td>Issues in Aging (3) (when the topic is women, gender, and/or diversity)</td>
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<td>HD 4364</td>
<td>Gender and Family Diversity (3) (Pre: HD 1004, 2335, 2336, 2004, 2304)</td>
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<td>Women in the U.S. History (to 1865) (3)</td>
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<td>Women in European History (3)</td>
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<td>The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender* (3)</td>
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*Course focused on gender and race.

Up to six credits of special offerings, such as Independent Study (4974), Special Study (4984) or Undergraduate Research (4994) in any department may be used to fulfill requirements for the minor where appropriate. Permission to include such courses must be granted by the minor coordinator.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in all courses taken to fulfill the minor is required.

Students who want more information or who wish to complete this minor should consult Brenda Husser, Undergraduate Advisor in the Department of Sociology, bhusser@vt.edu, or the Director of WGS.