WOMEN’S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Admission Requirements
Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-title-graduate-degree-programs/).

Students will be considered for admission to the master’s or Ph.D. dual-title programs by the WGSS graduate admissions committee. Applicants can apply to the dual-title program when they first apply for graduate study at Penn State, and those applications will be considered on the timetable of the partner department (after the partner program has admitted a student into their degree program they must forward the application to the dual-title admissions committee for consideration). This group of applicants can apply with the same application materials as provided to the partner program and Graduate School, although it is critical that their statement of purpose discusses how their research and professional goals reflect an interest in interdisciplinary feminist research. Also, to be considered for admission into a dual-title program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies these students should have a junior/senior cumulative average of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) and appropriate course work in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies or related fields.

Current Penn State graduate students, who are already pursuing a graduate degree in one of our partner programs but have not yet taken their qualifying exams, can also apply for admission into the dual-title Ph.D. degree in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The deadlines for current graduate students to be considered for admission are October 15th or February 15th each academic year. These internal applicants will provide additional material beyond their original application for graduate study at Penn State; they will include Penn State graduate transcripts, a statement of purpose that addresses the ways in which their research and professional goals reflect an interest in interdisciplinary and feminist research, and a letter of recommendation from a member of the WGSS graduate faculty.

Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program.