

# WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

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## 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 by indicating their interest on the online application. Those applications are considered on the timetable of the partner department; that is, after the partner program has admitted a student into their degree program, that student's application is forwarded to the WGSS dual-title admissions committee for consideration. This group of applicants may apply with the same application materials as provided to the partner program and Graduate School. However, it is strongly recommended that the statement of purpose discuss how their research will integrate the two partner fields. A dual-title applicant is encouraged to attach both a separate statement of purpose focusing on their particular areas of engagement within gender studies, and a writing sample that demonstrates their previous work with and in feminist/gender theory.

Applicants to the dual-title should have a junior/senior cumulative average of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) and should have previous course work in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies or in related fields.

Current Penn State graduate students, who are already pursuing a graduate degree in one of our partner programs but who have not yet taken their qualifying exams, can also apply for admission into a 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 15<sup>th</sup> or February 15<sup>th</sup> each academic year. Internal applicants will provide, in addition to their original application for graduate study at Penn State, their Penn State graduate transcript; a statement of purpose addressing research and professional goals that reflect interest and substantive engagement in interdisciplinary and feminist research, theories, and/or methodologies; 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.