### Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Women's Studies, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

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3-12 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3-6 credits of GQ courses, 0-3 credits of GH courses, and 0-3 credits of GS courses.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

### Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

#### Prescribed Courses

- **WMNST 301** Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies 3
- **WMNST 492W** Contemporary Feminist Analysis: The Capstone Senior Seminar 3

#### Additional Courses

- **WMNST 100** Representing Women and Gender in Literature, Art and Popular Cultures 3
- **WMNST 400N** Debates in Contemporary Feminism 3
- **WMNST 401** Doing Feminism: Theory and Practice 3
- Select 3 credits from the following: 3
  - WMNST 494 Research Project
  - WMNST 495 Internship
  - WMNST 496 Independent Studies

#### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 15 credits total from the following groups with at least 3 credits from each group:

- **WMNST 83N** First-Year Seminar in Women's Studies
- **WMNST 101**
- **WMNST 102** Women of the African Diaspora
- **WMNST 104** Women and the American Experience
- **WMNST 106N** Representing Women and Gender in Literature, Art and Popular Cultures
- **WMNST 117** Women in United States History
- **WMNST 137** Gender, Sexuality, and Religion
- **WMNST 194** Women Writers
- **WMNST 407W** Women and Theatre
- **WMNST 438** Seminar in Feminist Philosophy
- **WMNST 462** Reading Black, Reading Feminist
- **WMNST 466** Lesbian and Gay History
- **WMNST 490** Women Writers and Their Worlds
- **WMNST 100** Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
- **WMNST 103** Racism and Sexism
- **WMNST 110** Sociology of Gender
- **WMNST 116**
- **WMNST 136** Race, Gender, and Employment
- **WMNST 157** Science, Technology, and Gender
- **WMNST 202N** Women, Gender, and Feminisms in Africa
- **WMNST 205** Gender, Diversity and the Media
- **WMNST 426Y** Education and the Status of Women
- **WMNST 420**
- **WMNST 423** Sexual and Domestic Violence
- **WMNST 424** Women and Sport
- **WMNST 428** Gender and Politics
- **WMNST 432** Women's Health Issues
- **WMNST 453** Women and the Criminal Justice System
- **WMNST 455** Gender Roles in Communication
- **WMNST 456** Gender, Occupations, and Professions
- **WMNST 458** Critical Feminist Issues in Reproduction
- **WMNST 471** The Psychology of Gender
- **WMNST 476W** Anthropology of Gender
- 6 credits that focus on women's health and sexuality or women in science and technology from the following:
  - **WMNST 157** Science, Technology, and Gender
  - **WMNST 205** Gender, Diversity and the Media
  - **WMNST 452** Women's Health Issues
- **WMNST 458** Critical Feminist Issues in Reproduction
- 3 credits that focus on non-Western women from the following:
  - **WMNST 102** Women of the African Diaspora
  - **WMNST 202N** Women, Gender, and Feminisms in Africa
  - **WMNST 420**
  - **WMNST 476W** Anthropology of Gender
- 3 credits that focus on women of color in the United States from the following:
  - **WMNST 101**
  - **WMNST 103** Racism and Sexism
  - **WMNST 136** Race, Gender, and Employment
  - **WMNST 205** Gender, Diversity and the Media
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1 The same course may be used to fulfill more than one requirement within Additional Courses.

**General Education**

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

**Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)**
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

**Knowledge Domains**
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

**Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)**
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

**University Degree Requirements**

**First Year Engagement**

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

**Cultures Requirement**

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

**Writing Across the Curriculum**

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

**Total Minimum Credits**

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

**Quality of Work**

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

**Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition**

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.