

# **WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR**

## **Interdisciplinary Minors**

### **Global Cultures Minor**

Advisor: Dr. Gina Zanoloni Morrison

The Global Cultures Minor serves as a foundation for undergraduate students with an interest in cultures and an aim of informing their major courses of study with cultural knowledge. In close consultation with the Global Cultures (GC) Advisor, students will plan a coherent course of study that allows the construction of a unique curriculum leading to a focus in one global culture or a related issue, with the intention of integrating that knowledge into their career plans upon graduation or furthering their knowledge in this area through formal graduate studies.

The Minor in Global Cultures requires 18 credit hours, including [[GC-301]] Global Cultures: Issues and Perspectives and at least 1, but no more than 2, foreign language courses at any level. In addition, students will choose 5 courses from among the GC-approved courses listed below or any course with a study abroad component. Students are also encouraged to select appropriate special topics courses according to area of interest, in consultation with the GC Advisor. Students cannot count more than two courses with the same designation toward the GC Minor without approval of the GC Advisor.

### **Women's and Gender Studies**

Director: Dr. Jennifer Thomas

Women's and Gender Studies Coordinating Committee:

Dr. Robert Bohlander, Psychology; Dr. Barbara Bracken, Mathematics; Dr. Mia Briceño, Communication Studies; Dr. Helen Davis, English; Dr. Maria Grandinetti, Nursing; Dr. Andreea Maierean, Political Science; Dr. Ellen Newell, Psychology; Heather Sincavage, Integrative Media, Art and Design; Dr. Amy Sopcak-Joseph, History; Dr. Wagiha Taylor, Sidhu School of Business; Dr. Jennifer Thomas, Psychology; Dr. Robert Tuttle, Sociology; Dr. Andrew Wilczak, Sociology; Dr. Linda Winkler, Anthropology

Total minimum number of credits required for a minor in Women's and Gender Studies — 18.

The Women's and Gender Studies Program at Wilkes University welcomes students interested in the study of women, gender, sexuality, and feminism. This interdisciplinary program offers courses in a wide range of subject areas in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Sciences, and Contemporary Arts.

The Women's and Gender Studies Minor focuses on expanding traditional scholarship by studying the ways in which gender has structured intellectual and social traditions. The minor is designed to add a professionally and personally valuable concentration for students majoring in such areas as business, sociology, English, communications, psychology, and nursing, as well as for students in pre-medical and pre-law courses of study.

Students may earn the minor by taking Women's Studies 301 ([[WS-301]]) in their junior or senior year and an additional 15 hours of designated Women's and Gender Studies eligible courses. Students are additionally required to complete a capstone research project that addresses gender as a category of analysis in the Women's Studies 301 course. It is expected that students will have completed several Women's and Gender Studies eligible courses before enrolling in Women's Studies 301.

Students who wish to declare the minor in Women's and Gender Studies should contact the Director of Women's and Gender Studies Program.

Minors are also available in a variety of other fields including, but not limited to, Aerospace Studies, Art, Computer Engineering, Criminology, Dance, International Studies, Music, Neuroscience, Policy Studies, and Statistics. See the appropriate sections in this bulletin for details about these areas of minor study.

## **GC. GLOBAL CULTURES**

### **GC-301. GLOBAL CULTURES: ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES**

**Credits:** 3

A broad interdisciplinary introduction to the issues and theory underlying the study of global cultures, this course will address the global forces that contribute to the shaping of cultures, including: migration and diaspora, colonization, religion and spirituality, rights of women and children, health and poverty, privilege and class, indigenous peoples of the world, globalization, terrorism, war and trauma, environmental and cultural sustainability, cultural identity development, and the arts. Particular attention will be given to ethics and global citizenship. This course will serve as a foundation for students in choosing to further their studies in one global culture or issue of interest, in order to integrate this knowledge into their future careers.

## **WS. WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES**

### **WS-301. INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES**

**Credits:** 3

This course introduces students to theoretical assumptions that underlie the social construction of gender and the historical development of feminist thought. Students are also exposed to a variety of contemporary issues related to gender, sexuality, race, culture, class, the family, reproduction, and language in light of these theoretical assumptions. Students are expected to complete a senior capstone project that addresses gender as a category of analysis to be presented at the annual Women's and Gender Studies conference. Offered every spring semester.

#### **Pre-Requisites**

Junior or senior status.