
Women's Studies

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department

Master of Arts degree in women's studies.

Major in women's studies.

Minor in women's studies.

The Major

Women's studies explores who women were, who women are, who they might be, and how their lives and human interactions are affected by society's values, traditions, and institutions. SDSU has offered courses in women's studies since 1969 and has one of the strongest academic programs in the nation. Its origins are in the women's movement, and its vision includes a world free of sexual, racial, age, and class distinctions and other inequalities.

Courses are designed to provide students with a coherent, integrated, and academically rigorous education. Content areas include concepts of self and family, theories of sex differences, history, cultural contributions, and the study of society's institutions. The emphasis is on increasing the awareness of objective conditions in women's lives throughout the world, and on developing critical analytical skills.

A degree in women's studies may be used as preparation for a wide range of careers. Professional opportunities exist in political and social agencies working with women and developing public policy on women's issues such as health care, employment, family violence, and education. Women's studies students prepare for careers in such fields as law, journalism, public administration, social services, personnel, and psychology. The skills that women's studies majors develop in critical thinking and analysis are highly valued in many additional occupations and professions today. A women's studies major may also go on to advanced academic work preparing for a career as a women's studies scholar.

Many women's studies majors plan double majors to enhance their career opportunities.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Women's Studies Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 49991)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in women's studies courses can apply to the degree.

Students majoring in women's studies must complete a minor in another field to be approved by the chair or major adviser of the department.

Preparation for the Major. Women's Studies 101 and 102. (6 units)
Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units to include nine units from Group I; 12 units from Group II; and Women's Studies 536 and 590.

Group I: Women's Studies 310, 320, 325, 331, 336, 340, 341A-341B, 352, 360, 370, 375, 382, 385; Africana Studies 332*, American Indian Studies 303*, Chicana and Chicano Studies 340*, General Studies 321*, 322*, Political Science 336*, Religious Studies 370*.

Group II: Women's Studies 512, 515, 522, 530, 535, 540, 553, 560, 565, 572, 580, 581, 582, 595, 596, 598.

*No more than three units may be applied to the major in women's studies.

Women's Studies Minor

The minor in women's studies consists of a minimum of 18 units in women's studies, of which 12 units must be upper division to include:

Women's Studies 101, 102, and six units selected from Women's Studies 310, 320, 325, 331, 336, 340, 341A-341B, 352, 360, 370, 375, 382, 385; Africana Studies 332*, American Indian Studies 303*, Chicana and Chicano Studies 340*, General Studies 321*, 322*, Political Science 336*, Religious Studies 370*.

Six units selected from Women's Studies 512, 515, 522, 530, 535, 536, 540, 553, 560, 565, 572, 580, 581, 582, 590, 595, 596, 598.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

*No more than three units may be applied to the minor in women's studies.

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