

# GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES, GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

The Graduate/Professional Certificate in Gender and Women's Studies is designed to provide students with gender expertise that they can apply in a variety of fields. The requirement of a foundational course provides grounding in the major concepts, theories, and research approaches related to the study of gender and women. This foundation provides the necessary theoretical tools to allow students to analyze gender and its relationship with other socially meaningful categories such as class, race, ethnicity, disability, and sexuality in a variety of contexts. Two additional courses allow students to deepen their empirical knowledge of women and/or gender in a specific area or areas. Choice in these courses allows students to tailor their study to areas related to future career or study ambitions.

## ADMISSIONS

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All Graduate School students must utilize the Graduate Student Portal in MyUW to add, change, or discontinue any graduate/professional certificate. To apply to this certificate, log in to MyUW, click on Graduate Student Portal, and then click on Add/Change Programs. Select the information for the certificate for which you are applying. Professional students in the careers of Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary cannot add the certificate in the Graduate Student Portal, and should contact the program for more information.

Graduate students who have additional questions on the Gender and Women's Studies certificate at the graduate level should contact the Graduate Program Manager (<https://gws.wisc.edu/graduate/graduate-advising/>) in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies.

## REQUIREMENTS

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Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
Students must complete the following courses.		
GEN&WS 800	Research Methods in Gender & Women's Studies	3
Two GEN&WS courses numbered 300 or above with the Grad 50% attribute		6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Enrollment in a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

- Students enrolled in courses numbered 300–600 should inform the instructor that they are taking the course for a graduate-level certificate and will complete additional readings/assignments consistent with expectations for a graduate student.
- 6 credits must be in residence at UW–Madison. A maximum of 3 credits may be transferred from other institutions.
- Directed study (GEN&WS 699 , GEN&WS 799 , GEN&WS 999 ) and colloquia courses may not satisfy certificate requirements.
- A 3.0 grade point average (GPA) is the minimum for courses satisfying requirements. All courses must be taken for a letter grade (no pass/fail courses).
- Graduate students may not earn both a doctoral minor (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/gender-womens-studies/gender-womens-studies-doctoral-minor/#text>) and graduate/professional certificate in Gender and Women's Studies.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Demonstrate interdisciplinary understanding of major theories, methods, and debates in Gender and Women's Studies.
2. Demonstrate the practical skills related to Gender and Women's Studies, such as critical thinking and intersectional analysis, critical literature review; research methods, and written and oral communication.
3. Understand the interdisciplinary nature of Gender and Women's Studies and the ways these relate to theoretical and methodological shifts in the field as well as to the institutions that shape everyday life.
4. Develop Gender and Women's Studies knowledge, skills, and social engagement and demonstrate how these ideas can be applied to new settings, ideas, and understandings.