

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES, MA

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	21 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations To earn the MA degree, students must complete a thesis or exam. Refer to <https://gws.wisc.edu/ma-requirements> (<https://gws.wisc.edu/ma-requirements/>) for detailed information.

- Thesis Project: Students enroll in GEN&WS#160;790 and complete a thesis. Students must receive approval for thesis from committee. Students will defend the thesis in front of the committee.
- Exam: Students must complete a culminating MA exam to demonstrate a general understanding of the field and an interdisciplinary substantive field. Each field will be based on a reading list of roughly 25 books, 75 articles, or their equivalent, constructed in collaboration with the student's permanent advisor and an additional faculty examiner.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Departmental Courses		15

Students must complete at least 15 credits of courses in the department of Gender and Women's Studies. Students select courses in consultation with advisor. The following courses are recommendations to fulfill this requirement.

GEN&WS 800	Research Methods in Gender & Women's Studies
GEN&WS 810	Gender and Women's Studies: The Emergence and Transformation of a Field
GEN&WS 830	Contemporary Theorizing in Gender and Women's Studies

Thesis

Students are recommended to complete the following course if they are writing a thesis to meet degree requirements. A maximum of 3 credits may fulfill the departmental courses requirement.

GEN&WS 790	Research & Thesis: Master's and Professional Level
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Additional Coursework **15**

Students must complete additional coursework to meet the minimum credit requirement. Students may apply up to 6 credits of GEN&WS 790, GEN&WS 799, GEN&WS 990, GEN&WS 999 and other departments' independent study courses toward the minimum credit requirement.

Total Credits **30**

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students will be allowed to take independent/directed-study credits that do not fulfill the degree minimum requirement, if they wish.

Special circumstances or requests for additional independent/directed-study credits to fulfill minimum requirements must be approved in advance by the Director of Graduate Studies and the advisor.