

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES, PHD

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

Requirements	Detail
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	42 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 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	<p>Doctoral students must successfully pass a written preliminary examination by the end of Fall semester of their fourth year in the program. Upon passing the preliminary exam, the student advances to dissertator status.</p> <p>Doctoral students must submit a written dissertation proposal and defend the proposal at a meeting of their four-person faculty dissertation committee by the end of Fall semester of their fifth year in the program.</p>
Language Requirements	n/a
Graduate School Breadth Requirement	All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/).

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Core GEN&WS Courses		
GEN&WS 800	Research Methods in Gender & Women's Studies	3
GEN&WS 810	Gender and Women's Studies: The Emergence and Transformation of a Field	3
GEN&WS 830	Contemporary Theorizing in Gender and Women's Studies	3
GEN&WS 840	Pedagogy in Gender and Women's Studies	3
GEN&WS 860	Proseminar in Gender and Women's Studies	1
Advanced Electives		
Students must complete 3 elective courses. This requirement may be satisfied with the following courses. Other graduate-level seminars in or cross-listed with Gender and Women's Studies (GEN&WS) may also be applied. With advisor(s) and Director of Graduate Studies approval, other graduate-level seminars with a substantial focus on topics related to Gender and Women's Studies may be used to satisfy this requirement.		9
GEN&WS/ ENGL 737	Feminist Theory and Criticism	
GEN&WS/ CURRIC 760	Sex/Gender-Related Issues in Curriculum and Instruction	
GEN&WS/ ED POL/ PUB AFFR 805	Gender Issues in International Educational Policy	
GEN&WS/ JOURN 828	Gender and Sexuality in Mass Communication	
GEN&WS/ C&E SOC/ SOC 904	Sociological Perspectives on Gender	

GEN&WS 925	Seminar: Topics in Gender and Global Perspectives/Issues	
GEN&WS/ ANTHRO 920	Anthropology of Gender	
GEN&WS 930	Seminar: Topics in Feminist Theory	
GEN&WS/ PSYCH 932	Psychology of Women and Gender	
GEN&WS/ POLI SCI 933	Feminist Political Theory	
GEN&WS/ HISTORY 938	History of Sexuality	
GEN&WS 950	Seminar: Topics in Gender and Women's Studies	
GEN&WS 960		
GEN&WS 970	Seminar: Topics in Gender and Disability	
Research and Dissertation		
Students must complete at least 6 credits of the following course:		6
GEN&WS 990	Research & Thesis	
Additional Coursework		
Students will complete this requirement in additional Gender and Women Studies (GEN&WS) or other approved coursework.		8
Breadth Requirement/Concentration		
Students are required to meet the Graduate School requirement for breadth, either through a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. GWS PhD students meet this requirement through our 15-credit concentration. Students must submit a written plan for their concentration and have it approved by their advisor and the Graduate Committee by the end of Fall semester of their second year in the program. No more than two advanced elective courses may be counted toward their concentration. At least 50% of the credits for the concentration must numbered 700 or above.		15
Total Credits		51