In addition to the faculty in women’s studies, several departments lend their interdisciplinary teaching and advisory expertise to women’s studies students. Among these are the Departments of Afro-American and African Studies; American Studies; American Indian Studies; Chicano Studies; Comparative Studies in Discourse and Society; English; German, Scandinavian, and Dutch; History; Philosophy; Sociology; Spanish and Portuguese; and Speech-Communication. Affiliated programs include the School of Nursing; the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs’ Center on Women and Public Policy; the MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability, and Justice; the Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport; and the Center for Advanced Feminist Studies.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including at least 36 credits in the major.

Required Courses

Students must complete 27 to 30 credits of required courses plus upper-level electives as needed to reach 36 credits.

- WoSt 1001—Introduction to Women’s Studies or WoSt 1002—Politics of Sex
- One of the following courses:
  - WoSt 1003—Women Write the World,
  - WoSt 3002—Race, Class, Ethnicity: Women’s Lives in the United States,
  - WoSt 3003—Gender and Global Politics,
  - WoSt 3004—Point/Counter Point: Contemporary Feminist Debates
- WoSt 3102—Feminist Thought and Theory
- WoSt 4402—Rebels, Radicals, and Revolutionaries: History of Western Feminism
- Upper-Level Courses satisfying the WoSt Cultural Pluralism requirement
- Upper-level course satisfying the WoSt International Studies Requirement
- Upper-level Advanced Theory course
- Two 4xxx-level courses in addition to 4402. The senior project is completed in one of these courses.

(Note: Students may take only one of 4108 or 4109 to satisfy this requirement.)

Electives

Upper-level elective courses as needed to reach 36 credits (cannot include 3002, 3003 or 3004)

Minor Requirements

The women’s studies minor requires 18 credits.

- WoSt 1001—Introduction to Women’s Studies or WoSt 1002—Politics of Sex
- Five upper-level courses. No more than one of the following courses may be used to fulfill this requirement: WoSt 3002, 3003, and 3004.
What can I do with a major in women’s studies?

Skills

**Women’s studies** majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Analyzing and critical thinking skills—ability to think “outside the box” and problem solve from many different (interdisciplinary) approaches
- Development of new ideas—awareness of women’s abilities to create social change
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- **Nonprofit**—organizing, fundraising, programming, management
- **Social Services**—public health, development, social work, programming, advocacy
- **Government**—public information, campaigns, research, lobbying, policy making
- **Education**—teaching, research, advising, student affairs, administration, admissions
- **Arts and Entertainment**—writing, editing, performing, managing, development, announcing
- **Business**—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting

How do I declare a women’s studies major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a women’s studies major, meet with a women’s studies undergraduate adviser to complete a Major Program form. They can be contacted at <wostadv@umn.edu> or 624-6809, in 419 Ford Hall.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major’s declaration process.

For more information

About the women’s studies major:
Undergraduate Advising
419 Ford Hall
(612) 624-6809
http://womenstudy.cla.umn.edu/

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:
CLA Society and Culture Student Community
122 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-2549
http://www.class.umn.edu/sandc/
sac@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:
Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:
Students interested in graduating with honors should contact:
CLA Honors Division
115 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
- filed a copy with the major department
- filed a copy with your CLA student community
- be sure to keep a copy for yourself