

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, Graduate Certificate

Requirements

The graduate Certificate in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) requires 15 s.h. of coursework. All students must maintain a Graduate College major program grade-point average of at least 3.00 in work for the certificate.

Certificate requirements include a capstone course in which students work collectively with classmates and the director of graduate studies to revise an existing research-based project into a dynamic GWSS presentation, which they present at the annual Jakobsen Conference or, in some semesters, at a department-sponsored research celebration event.

Certificate students receive advising and research mentorship from the director of graduate studies, and also peer review as part of the scheduled capstone workshops.

The certificate program is open to University of Iowa graduate students working toward a degree; interested students should meet with the director of graduate studies to discuss the program's parameters and how the certificate might best support and enhance their course of study.

Students may not use the same course to satisfy more than one certificate requirement.

The Certificate in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies requires the following coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
GWSS:5000	Foundations for Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies	3
GWSS:7400	Graduate Research Presentation Workshop	3
Electives		9
Total Hours		15

Electives

Certificate students complete three elective courses (9s.h.). Elective options include any gender, women, and sexuality studies course (prefix GWSS) or those with a GWSS cross-reference numbered 3000 or above. Students must take at least one elective with GWSS as the course subject. Students are strongly encouraged to include at least one course with a transnational focus; one course with a focus on U.S. diversity; and one interdisciplinary course on theories of gender, women, feminism, and/or sexuality (or a course squarely outside of their area of specialization). Students may count only one course in their home department as an elective for the Certificate in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies. The director of graduate studies can advise and discuss coursework options and parameters with students.