Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university’s Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the third semester begins: GWSS:1001 Introduction to Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies.

Before the fifth semester begins: GWSS:1002 Diversity and Power in the U.S. and two GWSS electives.

Before the seventh semester begins: one GWSS distribution course (theory or comparative/non-U.S. focus) and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: GWSS:3005 Practicum, GWSS:3900 Research for Public Engagement, one more GWSS distribution course (theory or comparative/non-U.S. focus), and at least one more GWSS elective.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course Title Hours
Academic Career
Any Semester
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability

Hours 0
First Year
Fall
GWSS:1001 Introduction to Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies 3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture b 3
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2
Elective course c 3

Hours 14-15
Spring
GWSS:1002 Diversity and Power in the U.S. 3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab b 4
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences b 3
Elective course c 2

Hours 15-16
Second Year
Fall
Major: elective course d 3
Major: race/ethnicity in the U.S. focus course e 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5
Elective course c 3

Hours 16-17
Spring
Major: global/comparative focus course e 3
Major: elective course d 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5
Elective course c 3

Hours 16-17
Third Year
Fall
GWSS:3005 Practicum 3
Major: theory course e 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5
Elective course c 3

Hours 16-17
Spring
Major: transnational theory course e 3
Major: 3000-level or above elective course d 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 3

Hours 16-17
Fourth Year
Fall
GWSS:3900 Research for Public Engagement 3
Major: 3000-level or above elective course d 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts b 3
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 2
Elective course c 3

Hours 14
Spring
GWSS:4095 or GWSS:4090 Honors Senior Thesis h or Senior Research Seminar 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab b 3
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) i

Hours 15
Total Hours 122-128

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a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences.
Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
b GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
c Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
d Students select at least 12 s.h. in major electives with a minimum of 6 s.h. numbered 3000 or above.
e See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
f Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
g Typically this course is offered in fall semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
h Typically this course is offered in spring semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
i Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.