Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, B.A.

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:3000 Research for Public Engagement (Capstone Option A) or SJUS:3400/GWSS:3400 Advocacy and Engagement Colloquium (Capstone Option B); 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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**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
- ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4

**Second Year**

**Fall**

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

**Hours** 15-16

**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 i 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: Natural Sciences without Lab b 3
- GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course i 4 - 5

**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 i 4 - 5
- Elective course c 3
- Elective course c 3

**Hours** 16-17

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

- SJUS:3400 or GWSS:3900 Advocacy and Engagement Colloquium 3
- or Research for Public Engagement
- Major: 3000-level or above elective course d 3
- GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts 3
- Elective course c 3
- Elective course c 2

**Hours** 14

**Spring**

- Major: 2nd capstone course (completion of option A or B) b 3
- Elective course c 3
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**Hours** 14
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) j

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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; 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 Students who choose capstone option A complete GWSS:3900 and either GWSS:4090 or GWSS:4095. Students who choose capstone option B complete SJUS:3400 and either SJUS:4080 or SJUS:4085.
h Typically this course is offered in fall semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
i Typically this course is offered in spring semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
j 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.