

# Gender Studies Graduate Certificate

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## Requirements For Admission

- Baccalaureate degree 2.75 G.P.A.
- Official transcripts of all previous undergraduate/graduate work
- Two letters of recommendation

If you are not currently enrolled at UMSL, you must apply through the Graduate School. This certificate is available to students with Bachelor's or Master's degrees and students enrolled in graduate degree programs. A student need not be enrolled in a degree program to earn the Gender Studies graduate certificate. Post B.A./B.S. students may enroll in the undergraduate or graduate certificate program.

## Certificate Requirements

At least 18 hours of Gender Studies courses at the 4000, 5000, and/or 6000 level

1. 3 hours must include a graduate feminist or gender theory course, which may be GS 5033 , Advanced Sexuality and Gender Theory, GS 5040 Feminist Critical Theory, or other theory course.
2. 3 hours must include either a graduate internship or practicum, or final writing project, which may be an independent study GS 6452 Special Readings in Gender Studies, or a substantial research and writing project for a GS graduate seminar, which may be GS 6450 Seminar in Gender Studies, or other cross-listed, 5000 or 6000-level seminar
3. 12 hours must be at the 5000 level or above, while up to 6 hours of 4000-level courses may be taken for graduate credit, as long as student completes graduate level work for the course.
4. No more than 6 hours may be taken as Directed or Independent Study credit.

Most Gender Studies courses are cross-listed with other departments and count toward a department's degree requirements as well as toward the certificate.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the certificate earners will be able to:

### Knowledge

- Contrast different theoretical approaches to understanding gender and their implications for advocacy and activism
- Develop in-depth knowledge of one aspect of gendered experience examined through the lens of a time period, literary genre, a geographic region, or other focus on a narrowed topic

### Writing Research and Communications

- Apply feminist theories and methods to analyze, interpret, and discuss the role of gender in written, oral, visual, and/or multimedia texts
- Apply feminist research methods to identify and investigate a problem relating to gender in order to design an original research project that contributes to the scholarship on a topic in the field of Gender Studies by conducting a

comprehensive and critical literature review, identifying and utilizing at least one appropriate method of original data collection, evaluating sources, and interpreting and disseminating the results

## Professional

- Network with local and global leaders in the field of gender studies or fields appropriate to students' interests and career goals
- Develop the skills and knowledge necessary to compete for and be successful in a wide range of fields both local and global including non-profit management, education, academia, social work, the sciences, business, law, and transnational feminist work