Gender Studies Undergraduate Certificate

Requirements for Admission

Undergraduate certificate candidates must meet the University's general education requirements. Applicants must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.5 and must maintain a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. in Gender Studies courses. Candidates for undergraduate certificates are asked to register with Gender Studies after taking one or two courses. Students will then be enrolled in the program and will be placed on our mailing list for class information and announcements of upcoming events.

Certificate Requirements

Students must take at least 18 hours in Gender Studies courses. 9 hours must include 3 core courses:

1. GS 2102 Introduction to Gender Studies
2. GS 4100 Introduction to Feminist and Gender Theory, GS 4600 Masculinities, or other upper-division course in feminist or gender theory.
3. Capstone Experience: Students must complete a final research project or practicum. The Capstone requirement may be satisfied by GS 4352 Independent Study in Gender Studies, GS 4353 Internship in Gender Studies, or by a 4000-level Gender Studies course or other 4000-level seminar where student completes a final research and writing project that focuses on gender studies.

9 hours may be cross-listed courses with student's major department or Gender Studies electives from various disciplines.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, certificate earners will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the complex ways gender and other culturally constructed categories inform social, cultural, economic, and political practices that both reproduce and resist hierarchies of power in the U.S. and global contexts.
- Articulate the central questions of gender studies scholarship, including foundational theories in feminist thought and action.
- Conduct interdisciplinary research that applies gender as a central category of analysis.
- Apply gained knowledge, research skills, and gender studies concepts in an independent study, experience of direct engagement with professionals in their field, and/or community service-oriented activity.