

# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (MINOR)

Minor: Women's and Gender Studies  
Program Code: M705

## About This Minor. . .

The Women's and Gender Studies Minor recognizes the centrality of gender to a variety of disciplines, professions, and personal experiences and world views. Students will take coursework in at least three academic disciplines with an aim toward developing an interdisciplinary understanding of issues related to women and gender in both contemporary and historical contexts.

By augmenting students' chosen majors, the Women's and Gender Studies minor prepares students looking for strong interdisciplinary perspectives along their path to careers and/or further studies in social work, counseling, law, education, business, and the arts, among others.

## Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

**To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options."** This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

## Institutional Minor Requirements

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU minors. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- A minor consists of 15-24 semester hours. There may be prerequisites required for the minor which will increase the total number of credit hours for a student who has not already taken those prerequisites.
- Courses taken to satisfy Essential Learning, major requirements, or electives **can** be counted toward the minor if applicable.
- At least 33 percent of the credit hours required for the minor must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- At least 25 percent of the classes must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher for the courses used for the minor.
- A minor is not a degree by itself and must be earned at the same time as a baccalaureate degree.
- A minor must be outside the major field of study.
- A student may earn up to five minors with any baccalaureate degree at CMU.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements sheet you should follow.

- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

## Program Specific Minor Requirements

(15 semester hours)

- Students must take courses in at least three disciplines within the minor.
- Note that upper-division courses have prerequisites, which can be completed as a part of your Essential Learning courses; prerequisites may be waived solely at the instructor's discretion. Some upper-division courses are offered in alternate years; students are advised to plan accordingly.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
SOCI 102	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies-GTSS3	3
Select four additional courses of the following: <sup>1</sup>		12
CRMJ 330	Intimate Partner Violence	
CRMJ 375	Women and Crime	
ENGL 330	Women in World Thought and Literature	
HIST 370	Early United States Women's History	
HIST 371	20th Century United States Women's History	
HIST 425	History of Sexuality	
POLS 373	Global Politics of Women and Gender	
PSYC 335	Psychology of Women	
PSYC 411	Human Sexuality	
PSYP 410	Introduction to Marriage and Family Counseling	
SOCI 101	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies-GTSS3	
SOCO 340	Sociology of Gender	
SOCO 345	Sociology of Sexuality	
SOCO 351	21st Century Families	
Or special course offerings such as Topics and Major Authors courses with the approval of minor advisor and Department Head		
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

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## Advising and Graduation Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a minor. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and developing a suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended minor.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a minor. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their

advisor or academic department head for the minor. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

## **Graduation Process**

A minor cannot be awarded by itself. It must be combined with a baccalaureate degree outside the major field of study. Students should follow the graduation process outlined for the baccalaureate degree and list their majors and minors on the "Intent to Graduate" form.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.