Women's and Gender Studies

Graduate Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies

CERTIFICATE CODE - CG30

The Graduate Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies consists of 15 credit hours of course work that can complement any graduate degree program.

Course Requirements (15 hours):

No more that two 400-level course may be counted toward certificate.

In lieu of an exam at the end of the graduate certificate program, students may also make a presentation in the seminar course at the end of the semester in which they take that course.

Required Courses

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WGST Electives * 9

Total Hours 15

* WGST Electives from list of Approved Courses. Petitions for other courses possible

To enroll in the Graduate Certificate in Women's & Gender Studies, contact either the Center for Women's and Gender Studies at their location, 325 Willey Street, or by phone at (304) 293-2339 or contact Cari Carpenter, the Interim Director of the Center for Women's & Gender Studies, by phone at (304) 293-2063 or via e-mail at cari.carpenter@mail.wvu.edu for an appointment to discuss your program.

Check in at least once a semester with the center to update your progress toward completion of the certificate.

Certificate Learning Outcomes

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Description

Upon completion of the certificate students should be able to:

- **Content** - Use the lens of feminist and gender theory to demonstrate how gender, race, class, ethnicity, age, and sexual identity shape experience and reflect social constructs.

- **Skills** - Use critical thinking skills to formulate and defend positions by developing, supporting and presenting the information in written and oral form.

- Use critical reading skills to analyze arguments to demonstrate an understanding of the scholarship and theoretical underpinning of the field of women’s and gender studies.

- **Application of knowledge** - Develop the knowledge and gain the experience to apply social justice aspects of women’s and gender studies scholarship and activism in the classroom and in the community.