

WOMEN, GENDER, and SEXUALITY STUDIES HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies enables superior and highly motivated students to engage in an in-depth study of topics within Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies of interest to them and to develop their scholarly abilities in this interdisciplinary field of study.

1. To enter the honors program in Women, Gender, and Sexuality (WGS) Studies, a student must be a WGS major, be a junior or senior with at least 30 credit hours completed towards the WGS major, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 overall and 3.5 in the major, and apply to the Director of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies for admission no later than the beginning of their senior year.
2. The application for admission must include a brief statement of eligibility and a 1-2 page summary of the proposed honors research paper (including a thesis statement, proposed methodology, and brief sample bibliography for a 25-30 page paper) and the name of an affiliated WGS faculty member who has agreed to serve as the advisor for the paper which can be completed through registering in WGS 4990. Students should meet with the Director of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies prior to submitting the application for discussion of the proposal and identification of potential advisors. Once the application is approved by the Director in consultation with the faculty advisor who will oversee the work and the honors subcommittee of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Committee, the student will be given permission to register for WGS 4990. If a student needs two semesters in which to complete the paper, an incomplete can be assigned for the first semester if the advisor thinks the work is progressing satisfactorily.
3. Honors will be awarded if a letter grade of A or B is assigned by the advisor for WGS 4990 and if, in addition, candidates for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Honors complete at least one University Honors Seminar (UH 4000, preferably on a Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies-related topic, but this is not required). If a student fails to meet these grading and course requirements, s/he will not graduate with Honors in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, but can still count WGS 4990 (and a Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies-approved University Honors Seminar, if taken) toward her/his WGS major if completed with a minimum grade of C. Students who are not eligible for honors or who withdraw from honors and who complete WGS 4990 for the WGS major are expected to produce only a 15-page research paper with a minimum grade of C.

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