

# Augustana College

## Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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| <b>Courses required for the first year:</b> None                                      |
| <b>Courses recommended for the first year:</b> WGSS 130, WGSS 230, WGSS 235, WGSS 250 |
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| Course Number | Course Name                                       | Learning Perspective | Prerequisites                                    | Usually offered:<br>F, J, SP, SU* | Credits |
|---------------|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------|
| WGSS 130      | Introduction to Gender Studies                    | PS                   | None   | F, SP                             | 4       |
| WGSS 230      | Gender, Power, and Transnational Perspectives     | PS, G                | None   | Every 2 years                     | 4       |
| WGSS 235      | Gender and Sexuality                              | PH, D                | None   | Every 2-3 years                   | 4       |
| WGSS 250      | Critical Race Feminism                            | PH, D                | None   | Every 2-3 years                   | 4       |
| WGSS 330      | Feminist Theories                                 | PH, D                | WGSS-130 or with the permission of the professor | Every 2 years                     | 4       |
| WGSS 335      | Masculinity in American Culture                   | PS, D                | None   | Every 2 years                     | 4       |
| WGSS 340      | Global Masculinities                              | PS, G                | None   | Every 3 years                     | 4       |
| WGSS 350      | Queer Theories                                    | PL, D                | WGSS-130 or with the permission of the professor | Every 2 years                     | 4       |
| WGSS 360      | Feminism and Grassroots Activism                  | PS, G                | Study Abroad to India                            | Program on hold                   | 4       |
| WGSS 365      | Reading Global Thinking Local                     | None                 | Study Abroad to India, WGSS 360                  | Program on hold                   | 4       |
| WGSS 370      | Gender and Social Justice                         | D                    | None   | Every 2 years                     | 4       |
| WGSS 400      | Independent Study                                 | N/A                  | None   | F, SP                             | 1       |
| WGSS 430      | Applied Gender/Sexuality Studies (Senior Inquiry) | None                 | None   | F                                 | 4       |
| WGSS 499      | Directed Studies                                  | None                 | None   | F, SP                             | 1       |

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| WGSS<br>INTR | Women's Studies<br>Internship | None | None | F, SP | 0-9 |
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## **Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

**Major: 28 credits, Minor: 16 credits**

### **Major in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS) 28 credits**

- WGSS 130: Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (4 credits)
- WGSS 330: Feminist Theories (4 credits) or WGSS 350: Queer Theories (4 credits)
- WGSS 430: Applied Gender/Sexuality Studies (4 credits): May be research, internship, or activism project that functions as a capstone project in the student's area of concentration. Students may substitute another SI project if it fulfills the goals of SI in WGSS. Prereq: WGSS 330 (4 credits)
- An additional 16 credits, 8 credits of which must be at the 300 level. These 16 credits must include a minimum of 4 credits of WGSS courses. No more than 8 credits in the same department code permitted, other than WGSS. As part of these additional credits, students will develop a three-course concentration in consultation with their advisors.

### **Minor in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) 16 credits**

- WGSS 130: Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (4 credits)
- WGSS 330: Feminist Theories (4 credits) or WGSS 350: Queer Theories (4 credits)
- 2 courses at any level from a concentration area (8 credits, including at least 4 credits from an additional WGSS course)

**Areas of Concentration:** In addition to the required WGSS courses, majors and minors will take classes in a concentration of their choosing. Concentrations are made up of both WGSS courses and courses in other departments. Since WGSS is an interdisciplinary program, students must gain a broad understanding of its methods and perspectives, but it is also incumbent on them to transfer and apply knowledge from WGSS courses to courses in other departments. (See areas of concentration and concentration courses on next page). For the most up-to-date list of concentration courses, please consult the online WGSS course catalog.

| <b>Area of Concentration</b>      | <b>Course Number</b>                           | <b>Course Name</b>   | <b>Learning Perspectives</b> | <b>Usually offered:<br/>F, J, SP,<br/>SU*</b> | <b>Credits</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Gender and the Global Environment | CLASS 340                                      | Women in Antiquity   | PS, G                        |   | 4                |
|                                   | ENGL 345                                       | Empire and Outsiders   | G                            | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
|                                   | HIST 324                                       | Borders and Crossings: Latin America and Latinos in the US, 1830-Present | None                         | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
|                                   | RELG 284/384                                   | Buddhism and Film  | PS, G                        | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
|                                   | RELG 362                                       | Race, Ethnicity, Religion  | PS, D                        | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
|                                   | RELG 363                                       | Sexual Ethics  | PH                           | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
|                                   | SOAN 322                                       | Anthropology of Latin America  | PS, G                        | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
|                                   | SOAN 325                                       | Global Connections   | PS, G                        | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
|                                   | SOAN 328                                       | Feminist Anthropology  | PS, G                        |   | 4                |
|                                   | SOAN 332                                       | Love and Sex   | PS, G                        |   | 4                |
|                                   | WGSS 230                                       | Gender, Power, and Transnational Perspectives                            | PS, G                        |   | 4                |
|                                   | WGSS 340                                       | Global Masculinities   | PS, G                        |   | 4                |
|                                   | WGSS 360                                       | Feminism and Grassroots Activities                                       | PS, G                        |   | 4                |
|                                   | Gender, Sexuality, and the Culture Imagination | ARHI 374   | African Art                  | PP, G   | Every Other Year |
| CLAS 212/312W                     |  | Classical Mythology  | PL, G                        | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
| CLAS 228/328W                     |  | Classical Epic   | PH                           | Every Other Year                              | 4                |
| COMM 240                          |  | Advertising and Consumer Culture   | PS                           | F, SP   | 4                |
| MJMC 404                          |  | Advanced Multimedia Project  | None                         |   | 4                |
| ENGL 255                          |  | Women in Literature  | PL, D                        |   | 4                |
| ENGL 295                          |  | Women, Health, South Asian Literature                                    | PH, G                        | Every Other Year                              | 4                |

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|                               | ENGL 355 | Women Writers and Feminist Theory                   | D     | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | FREN 361 | French Women Writers                                | None  | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | FREN 311 | Masculinity in Rabelais                             | None  |                  | 2 |
|                               | RELG 363 | Sexual Ethics                                       | PH    | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | RELG 374 | Gender and the Bible                                | PL    | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | SOAN 222 | Popular Culture                                     | PS, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | SPST 250 | Women's Narratives of the Spanish Civil War         | PL, G | J-Term           | 4 |
|                               | THEA 100 | Introduction to Theatre (Instructor: J Poppo)       | PA    | F, SP            | 4 |
|                               | THEA 243 | LGBTQ Theatre History                               | PP, D |                  | 4 |
|                               | THEA 343 | Modern and Contemporary Theatre                     | PH, D | SP               | 4 |
|                               | WGSS 250 | Critical Race Feminism                              | PH, D |                  | 4 |
| Bodies, Health, and Sexuality | BIOL 310 | Evolutionary Biology                                | None  |                  | 4 |
|                               | ENGL 225 | Women, Health, South Asian Literature               | PH, G |                  | 4 |
|                               | HIST 333 | Disease and Health                                  | None  | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | HIST 230 | Bodies of Evidence: Scientific Racism in US History | PP, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | PSYC 226 | Human Sexuality                                     | None  | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | PSYC 416 | The Psychology of Gender                            | None  |                  | 4 |
|                               | PUBH 273 | Reproductive Justice                                | PH, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                               | PUBH 306 | Sexuality and Health Education                      | None  |                  | 4 |
|                               | ENGL 225 | Women, Health, South Asian Literature               | PH, G |                  | 4 |
|                               | WGSS 235 | Gender and Sexuality                                | PH, D |                  | 4 |

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| Identity and Difference            |          |   |       |                  |   |
|                                    | WGSS 350 | Queer Theories  | PL, D | F                | 4 |
|                                    | CLAS 345 | Race and Ethnicity in Antiquity                       | PS, G |                  | 4 |
|                                    | HIST 123 | Women and Gender in Latin America, 1492-present       | PP, G | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | HIST 220 | Black Women in America                                | None  | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | HIST 230 | Bodies of Evidence: Scientific Racism in U.S. History | PP, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | HIST 340 | Gender in U.S. History                                | PP, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | POLS 355 | Women and Politics                                    | PS, D |                  | 4 |
|                                    | PSYC 228 | Psychology of Prejudice                               | D     | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | PSYC 416 | The Psychology of Gender                              | None  |                  | 4 |
|                                    | PUBH 273 | Reproductive Justice                                  | PH, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | RELG 362 | Race, Ethnicity, Religion                             | PS, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | RELG 363 | Sexual Ethics   | PH    | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | SOAN 221 | Inequality in America                                 | PP, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | SOAN 327 | Gender in Society                                     | PS, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | SOAN 329 | American Race and Ethnic Relations                    | D     | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | RELG 363 | Sexual Ethics   | PH    | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | WGSS 335 | Masculinity in American Culture                       | PS, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|                                    | WGSS 350 | Queer Theories  | PL, D | F                | 4 |
|                                    | WGSS 370 | Gender and Social Justice                             | D     |                  | 4 |
| Social Justice and Public Activism | COMM 203 | Listening   | None  |                  | 2 |
|                                    | COMM 204 | Mediating Conversation                                | None  | Every Other Year | 2 |
|                                    | COMM 205 | Deliberation and Dialogue                             | None  | Every Other Year | 2 |
|                                    | HIST 220 | Black Women in America                                | None  | Every Other Year | 4 |

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|  | POLS 335 | Gender and Sexuality in American Politics | PS, D |                  | 4 |
|  | PUBH 273 | Reproductive Justice                      | PH, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|  | PYSC 130 | Victim Advocacy                           | None  | F                | 2 |
|  | PSYC 135 | Bystander Intervention                    | None  |                  | 1 |
|  | RELG 362 | Race, Ethnicity, Religion                 | PS, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|  | SOAN 330 | Social Movements                          | PH, D | Every Other Year | 4 |
|  | WGSS 350 | Queer Theories                            | PL, D | F                | 4 |
|  | WGSS 360 | Feminism and Grassroots Activities        | PS, G |                  | 4 |
|  | WGSS 370 | Gender and Social Justice                 | D     |                  | 4 |

### Major Overview

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is a growing discipline involving new scholarship that is both interdisciplinary **and** focused within departmental offerings. The WGSS-coded classes demonstrate the connections between fields such as the humanities and social sciences.

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is taught from a global perspective, and WGSS-230 meets Augustana's "G" (global) requirement. Due to the growth of international feminist movements, including the establishment of research centers, cultural and artistic groups, publishing companies and political action groups, internships are available.

In addition to the major and minor, the Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Program helps to sponsor lectures, visiting scholars, films and other events.

Many WGSS graduates have continued their interest beyond the B.A. degree. For information about graduate school programs, internships and entry-level job opportunities, see the Director of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

\*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates

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