

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

Academy of Transdisciplinary Studies

Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies

**For students graduating in calendar year 2023 and for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2023–2024,** The Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS) requires the completion of 18 credits as outlined below. Three specific courses are required and three elective courses. Of the electives, at least one must be at the 3000 or 4000 level. Students must complete at least three credits of WGS coursework with a focus on gender and race (designated below with an \*).

**Advising:** Questions may be answered by the Director of Women’s and Gender Studies Dr. Bonnie Zare, [bonzare@vt.edu](mailto:bonzare@vt.edu) or the Academy of Transdisciplinary Studies Advisor.

**Women's and Gender Studies Minor Required Courses: 9 credits**

- WGS 1824 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (3)
- WGS 2114 Feminist Theory (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
- WGS 4224 Women’s Studies Seminar (3) (Pre: WGS 1824, WGS 2114)

**Electives:** 9 credits

Select from the list below of Women’s and Gender Studies option electives:

**2000 Level:** Maximum of 6 credits

**3000 or 4000 Level:** Minimum of 3 credits.

**Women’s and Gender Studies Minor Electives**

**Note:** One elective must focus on gender and race as denoted by an asterisk on the list:

**2000 Level:**

AFST 2734	The Black Woman in the U.S. (3)*
HD 2314	Human Sexuality (3)
SOC 2514 (RLCL 2514)	Asian American Experience (3)*
WGS 2204 (AFST 2204) (RLCL 2204)	Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (3)*
WGS 2224	Women and Creativity (3)
WGS 2264 (SOC 2264) (AFST 2264)	Race, Class, Gender, and Sexualities (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)*

WGS 2274	Women in the Military (3)
LAHS 2284 or WGS 2284	Introduction to Queer Studies (3) or Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Issues (3)
WGS 2974	Independent Study (variable credit)
WGS 2984	Special Study (variable credit)

### 3000 Level:

AFST 3444 (CINE 3444)	African American Images in Film (3) (Pre: AFST 1714)*
AFST 3634 (ENGL 3634)	African American Literature (3)*
ENGL 3364	Topics in Literature by Women (3) (Pre: ENGL 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016)
HD 3114	Issues in Aging (3)
HIST 3105	Women in U.S. History (to 1865) (3)
HIST 3106	Women in U.S. History (since 1865) (3)
PSCI 3256	The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender (3)
SOC 3014	Gender Relations (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
SOC 3614	Gender and Work in the U.S. (3)
SOC 3714	Study Abroad (3)
WGS 3004	Topics in Feminism (3)
WGS 3014 (RLCL 3014)	Women and Gender in Islam
WGS 3214	Global Feminisms
WGS 3324	Perspectives on the Biology of Women (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
WGS 3984	Special Study (variable credit)

### 4000 Level:

ENGL 4674	Studies in Contemporary Culture (3)
ENGL 4684	Special Topics in Literature (3) (Pre: ENGL 1106, ENGL 1204, or COMM 1016 – ALL must have a Minimum Grade of "P") — When topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity)
HD 4364	Gender and Family Diversity (3) (Pre: HD 2304)
SOC 4054 (APS 4034)	Appalachian Languages and Culture (3)
SOC 4124 (RLCL 4124)	Topics in Culture (3) (Pre: AFST 1004 or AFST 1014 or AFST 1714 or AINS 1104 or RLCL 1004 or RLCL 2004 or WGS 1824 (When topic is women, gender, sexualities, and/or diversity)
WGS 4214 (UAP 4214) (GEOG 4214)	Gender, Environment, and International Development (3) (Pre: Junior Standing)

STS 4304	Issues in Science, Tech & Society (When topic includes critical disability studies)
WGS 4334 (STS 4334)	Sexual Medicine (3) (Pre: WGS 1824)
WGS 4704 (STS 4704)	Gender and Science (3) (Pre: WGS 2244 or STS 1504)
WGS 4754	Internship (variable credit) (Pre: WGS 1824) with approval and department chair
WGS 4954	Study Abroad (3)
WGS 4974	Independent Study (3)
WGS 4984	Special Study (Variable)
WGS 4994	Undergraduate Research (Variable)