



# *Women's and Gender Studies*

## **Ellis College of Arts and Sciences**

Required Number of Hours: 12

Description of certificate: (Include an introductory paragraph and certificate plan of study.)

This interdisciplinary certificate is designed to give students from diverse backgrounds and disciplines knowledge of the rich body of historical and contemporary scholarship about women, sexuality, and gender. Students who complete this certificate will examine historical and cultural conditions crucial to understanding the constructions of gender, race, class, and sexuality. The certificate features an interdisciplinary core course with electives chosen from among seven disciplines.

### **Required Course (3 hours):**

HUM 2153 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

### **Elective Courses (9 hours chosen from the courses listed below):**

COM 3413. Gender Communication

ENG 4403. Topics in Women's Literature.

FCS 3153. Family Relations

HIS 4003. Women in Europe from the Fall of Rome to the French Revolution

HIS 4333. American Women's History

HIS 4303. Sex and Gender in Africa

PSY 4693. Love and Sexual Behavior

SOC 4293. Sociology of Gender Roles

SOC 3033. Marriage and Family

SOC 4503. Domestic Violence

SOC 4603. Women and the Law

THA 4473. (WI) Women, Gender and Race in American Theatre

4000-level Special Topics courses (approved by the Steering Committee on a semester-by-semester basis)

## Student Learning Outcomes:

Students are challenged to think critically about the intersections of gender, sexuality, race and class across cultures, learning a variety of marketable skills including analytical thinking, writing, public speaking, organization, conflict resolution, diversity training, and the ability to view issues from a global perspective. Women's and Gender studies certificate holders will be well prepared for work in for-profit and non-profit organizations in contemporary society in which gender and equality have growing relevance.

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