Women’s Studies

What is women’s studies?

Women’s studies is an interdisciplinary field of scholarship, focused on the study of women and gender across different time periods and social settings.

Students in the women’s studies minor have an opportunity to explore how different disciplines contribute to our understanding of women’s lives, women’s contributions to society, the nature of gender and gender in human interaction.

An important aspect of women’s studies is a critical approach to knowledge; students are encouraged to question what might otherwise be taken for granted. Our courses challenge gender stereotypes and biases in research, examine the consequences of discrimination against women and address issues of diversity among women. We offer a new way to think about history, the arts, social relationships and science. Women’s studies courses highlight the importance of understanding gender, race/ethnicity, class and other important social characteristics.

Whatever the major or career, a minor in women’s studies is relevant!

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Courses Offered
For UT Martin’s Interdisciplinary minor in women’s studies students take one required course and select 15 additional hours of course work.

Courses:
- Introduction to Women’s Studies (WMST 201/ IDST 201) (REQUIRED COURSE)
- Lifespan Human Development (WMST 100/ CFS 100)
- Marriage and Family (WMST 208/SOC 208)
- Understanding Human Diversity and Oppressed Populations (WMST 220/SWRK 220)
- Interpersonal Communication (WMST 231/ COM 231)
- Clothing and Human Behavior (WMST 300/TCFM 300)
- Family Relationships (WMST 303/CFS 303)
- Women in American History (WMST 304/HIST 303)
- Men and Women: Gender Roles in American Society (WMST 341/SOC 341/ANTH 341)
- Women in the Arts (WMST 350/ ARTH 350)
- Women Writers: Gender, Race, and Class (WMST 351/ENG 350)
- Psychology of Women (WMST 370/ PSYC 370)
- Topics in U.S. History (WMST 480/HIST 480)
- Comparative Family Systems (WMST 495/ SOC 495/ ANTH 495)
- Topics in Gender and Cultural Studies (WMST 496/ENG 495)

No more than six hours may be taken in a particular discipline, and a student must complete at least 12 hours of upper division credits from these courses.