Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies (WGST)

Revised Program, effective Fall 2015

Objectives
This degree explores the conceptual, analytical and practical aspects of women and gender in a global context. The interdisciplinary nature of the women’s and gender studies program allows students, in consultation with the graduate advisor, to create tailored programs of study designed to meet their goals. The program draws upon a range of courses in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health and Human Services and Technology. This highly flexible program fosters scholarly debate and develops research skills for students seeking employment in business, industry, government or the nonprofit sector. Persons already employed will find the program useful to their professional advancement.

Admission Criteria:

1. A bachelor’s degree in any field.
2. Prior completion of at least two courses with substantial content on women and/or gender and a grade of B or better.
3. A 2.75 undergraduate GPA overall, a 3.0 in the last half cumulative undergraduate GPA, or a minimum 3.0 in graduate course work previously taken. Please comment on any grades that are not within this range.
4. The applicant must write and submit a 2-3 page (double spaced) personal statement. The personal statement must be written in such a way as to demonstrate graduate-level writing proficiency and must include the following elements:
   1. an explanation of your academic goals: specifically, areas of the field of WGST that you find particularly appealing; professors at EMU with whom you would like to work and why; research questions about the field of WGST and the role of women in society that you hope to pursue in the course of your graduate study;
   2. an explanation of your professional goals and the ways in which your WGST graduate degree will help you attain these goals;
   3. a discussion of any prior professional and/or community-based experience related to women and/or gender and how that informs your understanding of the field of women’s and gender studies; and
   4. an explanation of how previous course work related to women and/or gender shaped your desire to pursue further study. What particular courses and writers have influenced you?
5. Two letters of recommendation from former professors addressing the candidate’s preparation and ability to successfully complete graduate work.
6. For students whose first language is not English, demonstrated English Language proficiency as shown by official test scores on the International English Language Testing System. For the Test of English as a
Foreign Language (TOEFL), students need a 90-91 on the IBT, a 233 on the CBT, or a 577 on the PBT, or they need a score of 80 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB).

Conditional Admission
Students not meeting regular admission requirements may be admitted on a conditional basis with the approval of the program director.

Non-Degree Admissions
Students not meeting the GPA requirement may be granted non-degree admission with the permission of the WGST program director and the Graduate School.

Degree Requirements
Students will develop competencies through core requirements, restricted electives and complementary concentrations.

Advisor Information:

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Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies

Students should consult the director and/or advisor for other approved women's and gender studies courses offered each semester. The Master of Arts in Women’s and Gender Studies is distributed among core courses, restricted elective courses and complementary concentration courses as follows:

Core Courses: 15 hours

Required Courses: 9 hours

- **WGST 540 - Feminist Methodology** 3 hrs
- **WGST 550 - Feminist Thought** 3 hrs
- **WGST 608 - Capstone Colloquium** 3 hrs

Practicum, Thesis, or Final Project: 6 hours

*Six hours from one of the following three options:*

Option I - Practicum:

- **WGST 686 - Practicum** 1 hr
- **WGST 687 - Practicum** 2 hrs
- **WGST 688 - Practicum** 3 hrs
- **WGST 689 - Practicum** 4 hrs
Option II - Thesis:

- WGST 690 - Thesis 1 hr
- WGST 691 - Thesis 2 hrs
- WGST 692 - Thesis 3 hrs

Option III - Final Project:

- WGST 694 - Final Project 1 hr
- WGST 695 - Final Project 2 hrs
- WGST 696 - Final Project 3 hrs

Restricted Elective Courses: 9 hours

Choose two courses from the following:
- WGST 530 - Women in Film 3 hrs
- WGST 556 - Gendered Globalization: Economic, Political and Cultural Dimensions 3 hrs
- WGST 575 - Queer Theory 3 hrs
- WGST 580 - Feminist Acts and Activism 3 hrs
- WGST 650 - Topics in Feminism 3 hrs

Choose one course from the following:
- HIST 521 - Studies in the History of Women in Europe 3 hrs
- SOFD 570 - Women and Pedagogy: Life Histories 3 hrs
- WGST 528 - Technology, Gender and Pop Culture 3 hrs
  or STS 528 - Technology, Gender and Pop Culture 3 hrs
- WGST 515 - Sociology of Women 3 hrs
  or SOCL 515 - Sociology of Women 3 hrs
- WGST 521 - Women and Technology 3 hrs
  or STS 521 - Women and Technology 3 hrs
- WGST 526 - Topics in Feminist Philosophy 3 hrs
  or PHIL 526 - Topics in Feminist Philosophy 3 hrs
- WGST 542 - Women and Mental Health 2 hrs
- WGST 560 - Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 3 hrs
  or CRM 560 - Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 3 hrs
  or SOCL 560 - Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 3 hrs
- WGST 562 - Practice with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons 3 hrs
  or SWRK 562 - Practice with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons 3 hrs
- **WGST 565 - Women’s Health** 3 hrs  
  or **HLED 565 - Women’s Health** 3 hrs

- **WGST 581 - Gender and Education** 3 hrs  
  or **SOFD 581 - Gender and Education** 3 hrs

- **WGST 590 - Special Topics** 1 hr  
- **WGST 591 - Special Topics** 2 hrs  
- **WGST 592 - Special Topics** 3 hrs  
- **WGST 608 - Capstone Colloquium** 3 hrs  
- **WGST 640 - Women’s and Gender Studies Abroad** 3 hrs  
- **WGST 697 - Independent Study** 1 hr  
- **WGST 698 - Independent Study** 2 hrs  
- **WGST 699 - Independent Study** 3 hrs

**Complementary Concentration Courses: 6 hours**

*Students must select one of the following complementary concentrations:*

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*Students must consult with the Women’s and Gender Studies Department Head or Advisor for specific courses in each area.*

**Program Total: 30 hours**

**Undergraduate Courses for Graduate Credit: Women's and Gender Studies**

The following courses may be elected for graduate credit. A maximum of nine hours of approved 400-level
course work may be permitted in the earning of any graduate degree.

If you intend to enroll in any of the following undergraduate courses for graduate credit, you must submit a request form from the Graduate School to receive permission before enrolling in the course; otherwise, you will receive undergraduate credit.

- **WGST 413 - Women and Aging** 3 hrs
- **WGST 426 - Topics in Gender and Philosophy** 3 hrs
- **WGST 443 - Women in Literature** 3 hrs