Welcome

Women's Studies is an undergraduate interdisciplinary minor for students who wish to explore gender as a social construction that shapes our thoughts, values, accomplishments, and relationships. Connected to this is the study of how other social categories – especially race and class -- affect our reality. In other words, Women's Studies is not only for and about women. Though it often concentrates on women’s lives and contributions, it also examines and analyzes how we all exist within a complex web of social inequalities and privileges.

MINOR: The Women's Studies minor is available to all undergraduates, whatever their major. Students take 18 credits in courses related to women or gender, including Introduction to Women's Studies (3 credits) and Senior Seminar in Women's Studies (3 credits). A wide range of courses counts toward the 12 elective credits, but no more than 6 credits from a single department will count towards the minor and 6 credits must be at the 300 level or above.

MAJOR: A student-designed major in Women's Studies is possible in consultation with the program director.

Declare the minor at any time by downloading this form (click here) and turning it in to the Registrar (first floor in Armitage Hall) or to the Office of Student Life (second floor in Armitage). For information about courses required and eligible for the minor, look at this link. You may also contact Women's Studies Director Laurie Bernstein in the Department of History. Please note: after May 1 Professor Bernstein will rarely be on campus. She will, however, check her e-mail regularly.

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