Minor in Gender Studies

Social Sciences and Management Division

The minor in gender studies is designed to enable students to develop a critical awareness of socially formed gender patterns.

From birth, females and males internalize assumptions about gender roles. This often results in both sexes consciously or unconsciously limiting their views of themselves and each other. The minor in gender studies consists of an interdisciplinary investigation of gender-related issues and research. Learning to apply standards of critical thought to the inevitable emotional content of gender studies may enable men and women to live and work together more successfully with greater mutual respect and understanding.

As a part of social studies, the gender studies minor is under the administrative oversight of the coordinator of social sciences who acts as student adviser. The Gender Studies Committee, in turn, consists of at least one faculty member from each division of the College and at least two students.

Total credit hours required for minor: 18

At least 9 credit hours must be at the 300 level or above.

Required Courses

| Social Studies 203 Introduction to Gender Studies | 3 |
| Capstone Project | 3 |

The capstone project will be an independent project chosen by the student together with an adviser who need not be a part of the Gender Studies Committee. This course will be numbered as an independent study course within the relevant department. In addition to the adviser, the project will be presented to a committee consisting of two faculty members and two students from the Gender Studies Committee. The committee may be chosen by the student from among those eligible, but must include faculty from at least two disciplines. The project will be graded by the student's independent study adviser.

Electives

Choose 12 credits from the following and at least one course from each category.

Gender in Health and Human Development

| Anthropology 101 Introduction to Anthropology |
| Anthropology 320u Women and Culture |
| Anthropology 415 Cultures, Health, and Healing |
| Biology 112 Human Sexuality |
| Film Studies 304 Women and Film |
| Health Studies 113 Understanding Alcoholism, Chemical Dependency and Mental Health |
| Health Studies 245 Human Development Process |
| History 322 America's Aged through History |
| Psychology 322 Adolescence |
Gender in Social Context

Communication Arts 101  
Communication Arts 301  
History 204  
Psychology 331  
Social Studies 215  
Sociology 151  
Sociology 233  
Sociology 252  
Sociology 333  
Sociology 367  
Sociology 405  

Introduction to Interpersonal Communication  
Advanced Interpersonal Communication  
America before the 20th Century  
Introduction to Social Psychology  
Women's Past, Present and Future  
Introductory Sociology  
The Family  
Racial and Cultural Minorities  
American Utopias  
Social Stratification  
Sociological Theory