

Graduate Programs in Women's & Gender Studies

Women's & Gender Studies prepares its Master's students for further graduate studies in many fields of the humanities, social sciences, or professions, as well as career fields that require an advanced degree.

Our program emphasizes the intersection of gender, sexualities, race, class and other forms of difference.

Available Programs

Master of Arts in WGS

The MA in WGS combines advanced courses in feminist and queer theory, feminist epistemologies and research practices, feminisms in global context, and selected topics with graduate-level courses from many disciplines.

Coordinated Degree Program: Master of Arts in WGS / Master of Library and Information Science

The coordinated MA/MLIS program, one of only a handful in the country, equips students with the knowledge and skills essential for librarianship and information studies, as well as scholarly expertise in WGS.

Coordinated Degree Program: Master of Arts in WGS / Master of Social Work

The coordinated MA/MSW program, one of a few such programs nationwide, combines professional training in Social Work with advanced coursework in WGS.

Graduate Certificate in WGS

The Graduate Certificate in WGS is designed for students who wish to complement their advanced training and scholarly work with an additional specialization in WGS.

Faculty Research Areas

- ◆ Histories of women, gender, and sexualities in modern France and empire, imperialisms
- ◆ Gender and sexuality in China, language and feminist knowledge construction, life narrative studies
- ◆ Gender and Islam, Islamic and Arab feminisms, feminist geography, ethnographic and feminist methods
- ◆ Discourses of the body, gender in the Americas, immigration
- ◆ Intersections of global gender studies and Indigenous methodologies with particular focus on qualitative work with Haudenosaunee, Oceti Sakowin and Anishinaabe communities
- ◆ Contemporary sex-positive, intersectional and transnational feminisms, neoliberal body politics, trans studies, queer theory and late 20th and 21st century American and francophone women's and LGBTQ+ literature

What Our Students Are Saying



"WGS gave me the critical skills to understand and think deeply about the intersection of power, information organizing/management, and information flow. Because of this, I am a better Hmoob librarian."

Mai Xiong, WGS/MLIS

"UW-Milwaukee's coordinated MA in Women's & Gender Studies/Master of Social Work program has provided me with the unique opportunity to gain an interdisciplinary graduate education. A member of two academic disciplines, I was able to obtain the support and individualized education of a small program along with the class variety and resource availability of a large program.

While coursework is important, I have found that my time teaching as a TA, interning at a substance abuse clinic and at an eating disorder hospitalization program, and writing/defending my MA paper to be the key, hands-on experiences that have prepared me to be successful in my new role as a counseling Psychology PhD student."

Rachel Skarsten, WGS/MSW

"Earning an MA in WGS at UWM not only laid the groundwork for earning my PhD in History, it importantly informed how I could undertake my research and present my findings. The feminist and queer epistemologies I was introduced to and explored in my WGS courses helped me conceptualize possibilities for creating feminist knowledge and engaging in feminist praxis—and knowing how this work shaped the writing and creation of my dissertation. In short, my grounding in WGS offered liberatory possibilities for thinking, knowing and doing."

Krista Grensavitch, WGS



Student Research

- ◆ Hysteria Under Watch: Self-Surveillance, Biological Essentialism, and Period-Tracking Apps, for the book *"Who is FemTech For?"*, Nik'talia Jules
- ◆ Crying White Dystopia: A Discourse Analysis of Activist Expression on BookTok, Kayla Daspit
- ◆ Seeking Social & Economic Justice in the U.S. Service Industry: Embodied Feminist Praxis, Katie Klein
- ◆ Queering the Archival Divide: A Theoretical Critique of Binary Oppositional Paradigms between Traditional and Community Archives, Julia Anderson



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