

# The Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies

## WGSS / University of Houston

The Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies is a nine (9) credit interdisciplinary concentration open to students in all UH graduate and professional degree programs. The Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies adds interdisciplinary breadth to a student's course of study while increasing the depth and coherence of students' work on women and gender within their primary fields. Given the growing importance of women and gender issues in both scholarship and social policy, many students find this formal recognition of their work in Women's Studies to be a valuable credential in both academic and non-academic job markets. Students who have earned or are pursuing the Graduate Certificate also receive first consideration for Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies graduate fellowships and assistantships.

### REQUIREMENTS

Three (3) Women's Studies graduate courses (9 credit hours) including:

- WGSS 6301: Feminist Theory & Methodology, the required core course
- Two (2) cross-listed courses, at least one of which must be from outside the student's home department

Students may substitute for one of the cross-listed courses one of the following options:

- Taking a graduate course that is not cross-listed but in which they can focus their individual work (e.g. research paper and extra reading) on women, gender, or feminist theory. Such a course must be taught by an affiliated Women's Studies faculty member who will certify that the student's work in the course satisfies women's studies requirements.
- Taking an undergraduate course cross-listed in Women's Studies for graduate credit. Additional requirements will be determined by the instructor in accordance with university policy.

### COURSES

The following Women's Studies graduate courses are offered regularly (at least once every two years). Many others are offered on an occasional basis. A complete listing of current courses is available from the WGSS office each semester and available online at <http://www.uh.edu/class/ws/students/courses/>.

ANTH 6317: Anthropology & Gender

ART 6394: Women Artists

COMM 6333: Relational Communication

ENGL 6314: Feminist Criticism

ENGL 8364: Women Writers

HIST 6396: Latin American Women's History

HLT 6322: Dimensions in Women's Health

LAW 5361/7397: Women and the Law

SOC 6390: Sociology of Gender

SOCW 6304: Women's Issues in Social Work

**Individuals interested in the Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies can come to the WGSS Office in Agnes Arnold 624, or contact the WGSS Advisors at 713-743-3214 or by email at [wgss@uh.edu](mailto:wgss@uh.edu).**

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