

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 2007/2008 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

## • WOMEN'S STUDIES (WST)

Women's Studies at the University of South Florida offers an interdisciplinary field of study that features and critically examines women's experiences, taking into consideration historical, cultural, racial, class, and other differences. The department offers a B.A., a minor in Women's Studies, a concentration in Women of Color Studies, and a certificate in Women's Spirituality. Enhancing knowledge about feminisms and gender studies through teaching, emphasis on multiculturalism and diversity, the department focuses on critical thinking, collaborative learning, and personal empowerment.

Women's Studies offers excellent undergraduate preparation as well for

Those who wish to apply to law school or to graduate study in a variety of fields, e.g., Urban or Medical Anthropology, Counselor Education, Criminal Justice, Gerontology, History, Rehabilitation Counseling, Social Work, Women's Studies

Those who want to focus on women in specific disciplines or professions; and

Those whose training would benefit from a close scrutiny of the major issues facing women today.

### Requirements for the Major in Women's Studies

#### Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer with fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university's entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

The transfer student should also be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

*No State Mandated Common Prerequisites are required for this degree program.* However, during the program of study at the community college students should begin to satisfy General Education/Gordon Rule requirements, take WST 3015, "Introduction to Women's Studies," or other introductory courses in the Social Sciences and Liberal Arts. Courses to help students with reading and writing skills are helpful as well. Unless stated otherwise, a grade of "C" is the minimum acceptable grade.

#### Upper-level Coursework for Women's Studies Majors

Each major must complete 36 hours distributed as follows:

##### I. Required Core Courses (15 hours)

WST 3311 Issues in Feminism	(3)
WST 4310 History of Feminism in the U.S.	(3)
WST 4522 Classics in Feminist Theory	(3)
WST 4935 Capstone/Senior Project	(3)
AFA 4335 Black Women in America <b>OR</b>	
WST 4262 Literature by Women of Color in the Diaspora	(3)

##### II. Select 21 credit hours from the following list, noting prerequisites where applicable:

ANT 4302 Gender in Crosscultural Perspective	(3)
WST 2250 The Female Experience in America	(3)
WST 3210 European Feminist History: Pre-18th Century	(3)
WST 3220 European Feminist History: 18th Century to Present	(3)
WST 3225 Women, Environment and Gender	(3)
WST 3412 Women in the Developing World	(3)
WST 3440 Women and Social Action	(3)
WST 3620 Men and Sexism	(3)
WST 4260 Research Issues on Women of Color	(3)

WST 4410 Third World Women Writers	(3)
WST 4335 Women and Film	(3)
WST 4320 The Politics of Women's Health	(3)
WST 4350 Women and Science	(3)
WST 4560 Contemporary Feminist Theory	(3)
PHI 4632 Feminist Ethics	(3)
POS 4693 Women and Law I	(3)
POS 4694 Women and Law II	(3)
SYD 4800 Gender and Society	(3)
WST 4900 Directed Readings	
WST 4910 Directed Research	
WST 4930 Selected Topics	

*(Limit to 6 credits from the following courses)*

AMH 3561 American Women I	(4)
AMH 3562 American Women II	(4)
AMS 3370 Southern Women: Myth and Reality	(3)
COM 4030 Women and Communication	(3)
POS 4323 Women and Politics	(3)
REL 3145 Women and Religion	(3)
SOP 3742 Psychology of Women	(3)
WST 2600 Human Sexual Behavior	(3)
WST 3015 Introduction to Women's Studies	(3)

Students electing to major in Women's Studies should consult the Undergraduate Advisor for timely scheduling of classes.

### Requirements for the Minor in Women's Studies

#### Minor in Women's Studies

A student wishing to minor in Women's Studies will be required to take six courses:

Required:

WST 3015

or

WST 3311

Electives:

Plus 15 credit hours with at least 2 courses at the 4000 level and above.

#### Minor in "Women of Color"

Women's Studies offers a specific concentration in the area of Women of Color whose focus will be to examine the relationship between women of color and institutions of power.

The concentration prepares students for graduate work and/or professional careers in traditional and non-traditional areas such as health and education, international relations, the creative arts, law, medicine, social work, government and public policy, the social sciences, and community organization.

The requirements for the minor are 15 hours, which are to be selected from the following upper-level courses:

AFA 4335 Black Women in America	(3)
WST 4260 Research Issues on Women of Color	(3)
WST 4930 Selected Topics	(1-4)
ANT 4302 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	(3)
WST 4262 Literature by Women of Color in the Diaspora	(3)
WST 3412 Women in the Developing World	(3)
WST 4410 Third World Women Writers	(3)