

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: LA-CERG-WGST

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The graduate certificate may be taken alone or in conjunction with another graduate program. Courses applied to the certificate may be applied to a degree program, subject to approval of the director of the respective program.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>). For information specific to the graduate certificate in women and gender studies, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://wmst.gmu.edu/programs/LA-CERG-WGST/application/>).

Policies

In accordance with university policy, students may transfer up to 3 graduate credits earned at another accredited institution to the certificate program with the approval of the director of the program and the dean. They may transfer up to 6 graduate credits earned at Mason in non-degree status toward the certificate, subject to approval of the director and the dean in accordance with university policy.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
WMST 630	Feminist Theories	3
WMST 640	Transnational Issues of Gender and Race	3
Total Credits		6

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 9 credits from the following:		
Any WMST graduate course at the 500- or 600- level (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/wmst/)		
SOCI 605	Gender and Social Structure	
SOCI 634	Qualitative Research Methods	
INTS 534	Research for Social Change	
INTS 537	Critical Race Studies	
INTS 538	Representations of Race	
INTS 540	Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights	
CONF 707	Gender and Violence	
Other special topics course with the approval of the graduate director		
Total Credits		9

Capstone Portfolio

Students synthesize their work in the certificate program by reflecting on how issues, ideas, and theories raised in the core courses inform their understanding of gender issues within their area of interest. The portfolio includes three to five items produced in previous coursework and a 7-10 page essay discussing them. The portfolio may include course papers, performance videos, photos of exhibits, music, or other items as agreed on by the student and advisor. The portfolio must be approved by the graduate advisor and submitted to the Women and Gender Studies Program, where it will be presented, displayed, and archived.

Code	Title	Credits
WMST 699	Capstone Portfolio	0