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## What is Women's Studies?

Since the first conference on women's studies was held at Cornell University in 1968, more than five thousand courses dealing with women's studies have evolved on campuses around the country. The earliest women's studies courses in universities were offered in departments of sociology, literature, or psychology. Today courses are listed in nearly every department.

Courses in women's studies meet several practical needs. With current concern over the roles of women and men, it is important to pull together what we know and to continue research in areas where further information is needed. Many organizations are showing increased concern for the needs of women; such courses can make more people aware of these needs and give them the ability to address such issues. Knowledge in the field of women's studies can be a useful addition to one's major subject field.



### **How Can I Pursue Women's Studies at Wright State?**

A Women's Studies Selective can be pursued by contacting the Selected Studies Program through the College of Liberal Arts. You will be assigned an adviser in Women's Studies who will discuss the program with you and refer you to other faculty with interests similar to your own. You and your adviser will draw up a program that meets your interests as closely as possible. This course of study will consist of eighteen hours in the area of Women's Studies and a senior paper which will relate your interests in Women's Studies to your major field of study. This program plan must be approved by the Selected Studies Committee of the College of Liberal Arts. You may have your specialty noted on your diploma and transcript.

### **How is the Women's Studies Selective Administered?**

Faculty in a number of departments in liberal arts serve as advisers to students interested in the program. You will be matched with a faculty member who shares your interests, and he or she will help you plan your program. Of course, your program must be approved by the college committee. Your senior project will be supervised by faculty in the Women's Studies Selective.



### **What Must I Do to Be Admitted to the Program?**

You are eligible for admittance to the program after completing forty-five credit hours of study, although courses in women's studies may be taken prior to this time. In consultation with Women's Studies advisers, you will also complete at least forty-five credit hours of core courses. The program will then be submitted to the Selected Studies Committee for evaluation and approval.

### **What Are the Degree Requirements for the Women's Studies Selective?**

In addition to completing the forty-five credit hours of core courses and all university and college requirements for graduation, degree requirements include completion of the following: at least forty-five credit hours of study in courses numbered 300 or above, from six to eighteen hours of credit in LA 490, and a senior project in selected studies.

#### **Summary of Degree Requirements**

General Education requirements	47
Core courses	45
Senior project (LA 490)	6-18
Foreign language or research methods requirement	21-22
Electives	<u>51-64</u>
Total (minimum requirement)	183

## **For What Kinds of Careers Would the Women's Studies Selective Prepare Me?**

Your degree with emphasis in Women's Studies from Wright State will give you a special perspective on women's concerns no matter what your major is. As preparation for a career in teaching, community service, health fields, business, and government, your specialty in Women's Studies will provide you with unique academic expertise and will complement your professional work in your major field.

## **What Kinds of Women's Studies Courses are Offered for Selected Credit?**

Many departments in the College of Liberal Arts regularly offer courses in women's studies that would qualify for selective studies credit. Some that have been offered recently are the following:

- Male/Female Communications
- American Women Writers Workshop
- Women in Weather Reporting
- History of American Women
- Cross-Cultural Study of Sex Roles
- Women in the 80s.

Other colleges within Wright State also offer courses pertaining especially to women and gender issues, such as:

- Human Sexuality
- Psychology of Men and Women
- Economics of Poverty and Discrimination

## **Who Teaches Women's Studies Courses?**

Full-time faculty at Wright State with expertise in gender issues teach all women's studies courses.

## **For More Information**

Contact the College of Liberal Arts, Selected Studies Committee, at 873-2225.

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