Women's and Gender Studies

The Women’s and Gender Studies program (http://catalog.mit.edu/degree-charts/humanities-course-21) offers students an academic framework for the study of women, gender, and sexuality using the analytical tools and methodologies of a variety of disciplines in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. It includes a minimum of seven subjects (84 units) beyond WGS.101, WGS.301, the pre-thesis tutorial (21.THT), and thesis (21.THT). However, students may request a two-class substitution for the pre-thesis/thesis requirement for a total of 11 courses in that case.

Up to six subjects (72 units) may be used for both the major and the GIRs, but the units from those subjects may not count toward the 180 units required beyond the GIRs. No more than one subject that counts toward the distribution component of the HASS Requirement may also be counted toward the requirements of the Women’s and Gender Studies program. In addition, at least eight of the subjects required for the program cannot count toward any other major or minor.

The list of restricted electives below is not exhaustive. Students interested in this interdisciplinary program should consult with the Women’s and Gender Studies program manager, Sophia Hasenfus (shasen@mit.edu), Room 14E-316, 617-253-2642, and then arrange a meeting with the current director, Professor Elizabeth Wood (elizwood@mit.edu).

Restricted Electives

Tier I

WGS.101 (Required)

Tier II

Select seven subjects, including at least one from each category below:

- **Humanities (HASS-H) and Arts (HASS-A) subjects**
  - WGS.109
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  - WGS.111
  - WGS.115
  - WGS.123
  - WGS.140
  - WGS.141
  - WGS.142
  - WGS.145
  - WGS.154
  - WGS.161
  - WGS.181
  - WGS.190

- **Social Science (HASS-S) subjects**
  - WGS.125
  - WGS.151
  - WGS.172
  - WGS.221
  - WGS.222
  - WGS.224
  - WGS.225
  - WGS.228
  - WGS.229
  - WGS.250
  - WGS.270
  - WGS.271
  - WGS.274
  - WGS.275
  - WGS.276
  - WGS.321

Tier III

- WGS.301 (Required)
- WGS.310

1. One of the Tier II subjects may be taken at Harvard or Wellesley with the permission of the director.
2. Subjects 21L.430, 21L.460, 21L.512, 21L.702, 21L.704, 21L.705, 21L.715, and 21W.745 may be taken for credit as a Women’s and Gender Studies subject when their content meets WGS criteria. For more information, consult the program office (wgs@mit.edu).
3. With the permission of the director, an advanced Women’s and Gender Studies subject may be substituted for WGS.301.