MINOR IN WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES

The interdisciplinary Women’s and Gender Studies Minor 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. The minor program consists of six Women’s and Gender Studies subjects, arranged into three levels of study as follows:

Tier I
WGS.101 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies 12

Tier II
Select four subjects, including at least one from each category below: 1 48

Humanities (HASS-H) and Arts (HASS-S) subjects 2
WGS.109 Women and Global Activism in Media and Politics
WGS.110 J Sexual and Gender Identities in the Modern United States
WGS.111 J Gender and Media Studies
WGS.115 Gender and Technology
WGS.140 J Race and Identity in American Literature
WGS.141 J International Women’s Voices
WGS.142 Narrative and Identity: Writing and Film by Contemporary Women of Color
WGS.145 J Globalization: The Good, the Bad and the In-Between
WGS.154 J Gender and Japanese Popular Culture
WGS.161 J Gender and the Law in US History
WGS.181 Queer Cinema and Visual Culture
WGS.190 J Black Matters: Introduction to Black Studies
WGS.220 J Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa
WGS.226 J Science, Gender and Social Inequality in the Developing World
WGS.231 J Writing about Race
WGS.233 J New Culture of Gender: Queer France
WGS.234 J The Invention of French Theory: A History of Transatlantic Intellectual Life since 1945
WGS.235 J Classics of Chinese Literature in Translation
WGS.236 J Introduction to East Asian Cultures: From Zen to K-Pop
WGS.240 J Jane Austen

Social Science (HASS-S) subjects
WGS.125 J Games and Culture
WGS.151 Gender, Medicine, and Public Health
WGS.172 J For Love and Money: Rethinking the Family
WGS.221 Women in the Developing World
WGS.222 J Women and War
WGS.224 Race, Gender and Social Inequality: Reproductive Health Care in the United States
WGS.225 J The Science of Race, Sex, and Gender
WGS.228 Psychology of Sex and Gender
WGS.229 Race, Culture, and Gender in the US and Beyond: A Psychological Perspective
WGS.270 J Violence, Human Rights, and Justice
WGS.271 J Dilemmas in Biomedical Ethics: Playing God or Doing Good?
WGS.274 J Images of Asian Women: Dragon Ladies and Lotus Blossoms
WGS.275 J Gender, Race, and Environmental Justice
WGS.276 J Cultures of Computing
WGS.321 J French Feminist Literature: Yesterday and Today

Tier III
WGS.301 J Feminist Thought 3 12

Total Units 72

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.701, 21L.702, 21L.704, 21L.705, 21L.707, 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 J.

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