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 units

### Tier II

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

**Humanities (HASS-H) and Arts (HASS-S) subjects**

1. **WGS.109**  
Women and Global Activism in Media and Politics

2. **WGS.110**  
Sexual and Gender Identities

3. **WGS.111**  
Gender and Media Studies

4. **WGS.115**  
Gender and Technology

5. **WGS.140**  
Race and Identity in American Literature

6. **WGS.141**  
International Women’s Voices

7. **WGS.142**  
Narrative and Identity: Writing and Film by Contemporary Women of Color

8. **WGS.145**  
Globalization: The Good, the Bad and the In-Between

9. **WGS.154**  
Gender and Japanese Popular Culture

10. **WGS.161**  
Gender and the Law in US History

11. **WGS.181**  
Queer Cinema and Visual Culture

12. **WGS.190**  
Black Matters: Introduction to Black Studies

13. **WGS.220**  
Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa

14. **WGS.226**  
Science, Gender and Social Inequality in the Developing World

15. **WGS.231**  
Writing about Race

16. **WGS.233**  
New Culture of Gender: Queer France

17. **WGS.234**  
The Invention of French Theory: A History of Transatlantic Intellectual Life since 1945

18. **WGS.235**  
Classics of Chinese Literature in Translation

19. **WGS.236**  
Introduction to East Asian Cultures: From Zen to K-Pop

20. **WGS.240**  
Jane Austen

### Tier III

1. **WGS.245**  
Identities and Intersections: Queer Literatures

### Social Science (HASS-S) subjects

1. **WGS.125**  
Games and Culture

2. **WGS.151**  
Gender, Medicine, and Public Health

3. **WGS.172**  
For Love and Money: Rethinking the Family

4. **WGS.221**  
Women in the Developing World

5. **WGS.222**  
Women and War

6. **WGS.224**  
Race, Gender and Social Inequality: Reproductive Health Care in the United States

7. **WGS.225**  
The Science of Race, Sex, and Gender

8. **WGS.228**  
Psychology of Sex and Gender

9. **WGS.229**  
Race, Culture, and Gender in the US and Beyond: A Psychological Perspective

10. **WGS.270**  
Violence, Human Rights, and Justice

11. **WGS.271**  
Dilemmas in Biomedical Ethics: Playing God or Doing Good?

12. **WGS.274**  
Images of Asian Women: Dragon Ladies and Lotus Blossoms

13. **WGS.275**  
Gender, Race, and Environmental Justice

14. **WGS.276**  
Cultures of Computing

15. **WGS.321**  
French Feminist Literature: Yesterday and Today

### Total Units:

72

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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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