

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
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Tier II

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

Humanities (HASS-H) and Arts (HASS-A) 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.118	Gender in the Visual Arts	
WGS.123	History of Women in Science and Engineering	
WGS.140[J]	Race and Identity in American Literature	
WGS.141[J]	International Women's Voices	
WGS.142[J]	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.235[J]	Classics of Chinese Literature in Translation	
WGS.236[J]	Introduction to East Asian Cultures: From Zen to K-Pop	
WGS.238[J]	Intersectional Feminist Memoir	

WGS.240[J] Jane Austen

WGS.245[J] Identities and Intersections: Queer Literatures

WGS.250[J] HIV/AIDS in American Culture

Social Science (HASS-S) subjects

WGS.125[J] Games and Culture

WGS.151 Gender and Public Health

WGS.172[J] For Love and Money: Rethinking the Family

WGS.183 Feminism and Data

WGS.222[J] Women and War

WGS.224 Race, Gender and Social Inequality in Reproductive Health Care

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.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

Select one of the following: ³ 12

WGS.301[J] Feminist Thought

WGS.303[J] Gender: Historical Perspectives

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] or WGS.303[J].

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