

Women's Studies (minor)

The minor in Gender & Women's Studies focuses on gender as a primary category of human experience. The universality of this experience, combined with the uniqueness of its expression in every individual, makes gender an ideal site for the rigorous inquiry and respectful dialogue that characterize a well-rounded liberal arts education.

At Cal Lutheran, Gender & Women's studies is an interdisciplinary curriculum that examines the role of gender in history, the workplace and other social institutions. The program encompasses disciplines in the humanities and social sciences.

Minor in Women's Studies ¹

WOMS/SOC 210	Introduction to Gender Studies	4
Select three of the following:		12
COMM 315	Small Group Communication	
CRIM 430	Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Crime	
ENGL 352	Gender and Literature: Global Perspectives	
HIST 341	United States Women's History	
HIST 343	Women in Global History	
PSYC 215	Perspectives on Women and Men	
REL 356	Sexual Ethics	
REL 374	Women and Religion	
SOC 300	Sexuality and Society	
SOC 322	Contemporary Issues in Gender Studies	
SOC 340	Family and Intimate Relationships	
POLS 418	Women and Politics	
Total Hours		16

¹ 15 credits minimum.

Courses

Lower Division

WOMS 210. Introduction to Gender Studies. (4).

This interdisciplinary course introduces students to foundational knowledge in gender studies, including the history of feminism, the development of women's studies, and fundamental feminist theories and research methodology. Also, the course takes an intersectional approach to studying men and women by looking at how sources of social power and privilege such as race, sexuality, and social class shape constructions of femininities and masculinities in everyday interactions and in social institutions. (Cross-listed with SOC 210).

Upper Division

WOMS 482. Selected Topics. (1-4).

This interdisciplinary course will pursue scholarship in women's studies at an advanced level, with an emphasis on various feminist theoretical perspectives. Topics will include feminist methodologies; gender as a category of analysis; theories of difference, gender, race, class and sexuality; feminist ethical and political theory; and policy perspectives on women's issues. Prerequisites: either WOMS 210 / SOC 210 or HIST 341.

WOMS 490. Independent Study. (1-4).

WOMS 492/492. Internship. (2-4,2-4).

(graded P/NC only).