

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY - SAN MARCOS

Academic Minors Offered Through The Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies

Undergraduate Minor in Women's Studies

The Women's Studies minor offers an interdisciplinary, 18-hour program which concentrates on the images and realities of women. Drawing on recent scholarship on women and gender, the Women's Studies minor provides a flexible, coherent program that enables students to consider the significance of gender. On a personal level, courses in this program enhance the human potential of both men and women, because knowledge about how societies construct gender relations can encourage students to examine their own attitudes and behavior. On an academic level, a minor in Women's Studies provides study on the ongoing scholarship about women and gender and offers students the opportunity for exciting intellectual growth. On a professional level, the minor provides a valuable specialty to prepare students for opportunities in a variety of fields, including business, counseling, education, government, health and medicine, human resources, law, politics, psychology, social work, and graduate studies. The Women's Studies minor helps students recognize their opportunities in a rapidly changing society and flexibly complements any major.

The two required **core classes** are WS 3376: Images of Women and WS 3377: Realities of Women. They examine the images of women that are prevalent in Western culture (with examples being drawn from films, literature, visual arts, and popular music) as well as those topics and issues related to the realities of women's lives.

The four **elective courses** may be selected from the following:

Anthropology 3324 - Mexican American Culture
Anthropology 3350 - Sex Roles
Criminal Justice 4326 - Women and Criminal Justice
English 3388 - Women and Literature
English 3392 - Women Writers of the Middle Ages
History 3369Y - Black Women and Protest
History 3373 - American Women's History
Honors 3392A - Gender and Fiction
Honors 3392G - Gender, Family, and the Horror Narrative

Honors 3392P - Technology and Gender in Film Mass
MassComm. 4308 - Women and Minorities in the Media
Philosophy 3333 - Feminist Theory
Political Science 4330 - Women in Politics
Psychology 3332 - Psychology of Women
Sociology 3350 - Men, Women, and Societies
Sociology 3370 - Industrial Sociology
Comm. 3328 - Communication and Gender Speech
Comm. 3334 - The Rhetoric of Women's Suffrage

Undergraduate Minor in U.S. Ethnic Studies

The 18-hour minor provides for an interdisciplinary approach to U.S. Ethnic Studies. It also provides conceptual frameworks for exploring new perspectives which recover the history, creative expressions, and voices previously excluded by the traditional approaches to higher education. The minor fosters students development of self, voice, and moral vision to prepare them to live and work effectively in a pluralistic society. Although not required, the minor currently offers students the option of a concentration in African American, American Indian/Native American or Latino American Studies.

The required **core course**, ETHS 3301: Introduction to U.S. Ethnic Studies offers a general, multi-disciplinary and comparative survey.

The 3-course **general requirement block** focuses on African American, Latino American and American Indian/Native American groups and/or links the studies of their country of origin with current and historical research on race and ethnic relations in the U.S. Approved General Requirement electives include:

Anthropology 3314 - Latin American Cultures
Anthropology 3315 - Archaeology of the Southwest
Anthropology 3324 - Mexican American Culture
Anthropology 3331A - North American Indians
Anthropology 3331C - Indians of the Southwest
Anthropology 3332 - Myths and Moundbuilders
Anthropology 3345 - Archeology of Mexico
Anthropology *3375C - Selected Topics in Anthropology
English 3331 - African-American Literature
English 3344 - Chicano/ a Narrative and Social History
History 3320 - History of Mexico, Independence to the Present
History 3327 - History of Mexico to 1848
History 3329 - Spanish Borderlands, 1521-1821

History 3359 - African-American History
History 3369Z - Immigration and Ethnicity
History 4371 - Introduction to American Indian History
History 4372 - Mexican American History
Music 3375 - Jazz, Pop, and Rock
Political Science 4331 - Minority Politics (General)
Political Science 4331B - Minority Politics (Hispanic)
Political Science 4331C - Minority Politics (African-American)
Spanish 3305 - Survey of Spanish-American Literature
Spanish 3306 - Survey of Spanish-American Literature
Spanish 3371 - Spanish-American Civilization
Spanish 4370 - Hispanic Literature of the Southwest: Space and Images

The 2-course **general concepts block** deals more broadly with concepts of ethnicity and need not be limited to the specific groups listed above. These courses provide a theoretical framework for understanding comparative, interdisciplinary approaches to the study of ethnicity. Approved General Concepts electives include:

Anthropology 1312 - Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology 3322 - Peoples and Cultures of Africa
Anthropology 3370 - Culture and Personality
Art History 4301 - Issues in Contemporary Art
ASD 3310 - Diversity Issues in Agriculture
Comm. 3329 - Intercultural Communication
Comm. 4322 - Rhetoric of Protest Movements
Comm. 4382K - Latinos in the Media
English 3345 - Southwestern Studies I: Defining the Region
English 3346 - Southwestern Studies II: Consequences of Region
Family & Consumer Sciences 4351 - Cultural Diversity of Families
Geography 3306 - Geography of the American South
Geography 3308 - Latin America
Geography 3329 - Geography of Texas
Geography 3353 - American Ethnic Geography

History 3353 - The Greater Southwest
History 3372 - Texas History: A Survey
History 3375A - American Labor History, 1877-1945
History 3380 - The Desegregation of the South
History 4337 - Germany and National Socialism, 1918-1945
History 4376 - History of Texas Music
Honors 3392E - Silver Screen Texas
Mass Comm. 4308 - Women and Minorities in the Media
Political Science 3319 - Metropolitan Politics
Political Science 3395 - Ethnicity and Nation Building
Psychology 3334 - Psychology of Human Diversity
Social Work 4310 - Social Services to Minorities
Sociology 3327 - Multicultural Relations
Sociology 3366 - Folkways and Folklore: An Introduction
Sociology 3375 - Selected Topics in Sociology
Spanish 4330 - The Spanish-American Novel

*Special topics courses (those offered on a selective basis) may count toward the minor with permission from the Director of the Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Graduate Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

In addition to the undergraduate minor in Women's Studies, Texas State University - San Marcos offers a nine to fifteen hour minor at the graduate level in Women and Gender Studies. The core, like the undergraduate program, is a multidisciplinary concentration on the images and realities of women. The courses allow graduate students to explore the recent research in the discipline in progress around literature across numerous disciplines. The minor is a valuable specialty that will help students to prepare for their personal and professional lives. It is a flexible complement for most graduate disciplines.

The two **required courses** for the minor include

WS 5376: Images of Women
WS 5377: Realities of Women

The remaining **electives** (one to three courses) may be chosen from the following:

Comm *5325 - Seminar in Human Communication Theory
Comm*5342 - Historical Rhetoric and Social Influence
Comm 5356 - Gender and Communications
English *5321 - Contemporary Fiction
English *5331 - Studies in American Poetry
English *5332 - Studies in American Prose
English *5364 - Studies in the Romantic Movement
English *5366 - Studies in Victorian Poetry
English *5368 - Studies in Victorian Prose
English *5388 - Studies in Literature for Children or Adolescents
English *5395 - Problems in Language and Literature
History *5342 - Social and Intellectual History of the United States
History 5351C - Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Labor History

History 5366A - Women in Antebellum America

Mass Comm. 5304G - Gender Issues in Mass Communication

Philosophy *5301 - Applied Philosophy

Philosophy *5388 - Problems in Philosophy

Sociology *5337 - Seminar in the Family

Spanish *5307 - Studies in Spanish American Literature

Spanish *5310 - Topics in Hispanic Literature

Spanish 5390 - Studies in Spanish Culture, Language, or Literature

(Independent Study)

*Denotes a topics course. Topics courses are offered on a selective basis and may count toward the minor with permission from the Director of the Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies and the Dean of the Graduate College.

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