

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WGSS MAJOR AND THE OPTIONAL TRACKS IN POLITICS AND HEALTH

**100-Level Intro class** - WGSS 100B - You must file a copy of a paper from this course with the WGSS office (McMillan Hall, Room 210).

**One Theory class** (chosen from one of the following)

(This requirement must be fulfilled at Washington University)

WGSS 3031 Queer Theory  
 WGSS 3203 Bodies Out of Bounds: Feminist and Queer Disability Studies  
 WGSS 335 Feminist Theory  
 WGSS 3563 Queering the History of Health Care  
 WGSS 371 Confronting Capitalism: Feminism, Work, and Solidarity  
 WGSS 383 Topics: Spectacular Blackness: Race, Gender, and Visual Culture  
 WGSS 406 Queering Theory  
 WGSS 4013 Queer of Color Critique  
 WGSS 416 Politics of Pleasure  
 WGSS 419 Feminist Literary and Cultural Theory  
 WGSS 4012 Advanced Queer Theory: The Intimacy of Precarity OR Advanced Queer Theory: Queer Negativity, Queer Biopolitics  
 WGSS 4014 Feminist and Queer Media Studies  
 WGSS 4102 Everyday Unruliness: Feminist and Queer Resistance  
 WGSS 421 From Mammy to the Welfare Queen: African American Women Theorize Identity  
 WGSS 429 Feminist Political Theory  
 WGSS 4350 Queer and Feminist Geographies  
 WGSS 437 Transnational Feminisms  
 WGSS 443 Thinking About Consent  
 WGSS 475 Reformers and Radicals: Feminist Thinking through History (prior: Intellectual History of Feminisms)

**One Research Methods or Community Engaged Learning class\*\*\*** (This requirement must be fulfilled at Washington University)

WGSS 3132 Community Engaged Learning: Girls' Studies  
 WGSS 3133 Community Engaged Learning: Feminist and Queer Youth Studies  
 WGSS 3171 Community Engaged Learning: Gender and Incarceration  
 WGSS 3173 Community Engaged Learning: Documenting the Queer Past in St. Louis  
 WGSS 3174 Community Engaged Learning: Feminist and Queer Community Praxis  
 WGSS 3942 Community Engaged Learning: Projects in Domestic Violence  
 WGSS 417W Feminist and Queer Research Methodologies

\*\*\* All thesis students must take Feminist and Queer Research Methodologies WGSS 417W  
 WGSS 444 Sex and Gender in Public and WGSS 444B (Please note: this is a 1.5 credit course that meets once a week both semesters in their senior year and will result in a capstone project exploring gender and/ or sexuality and politics broadly conceived.)

**Two 400-level classes or Honors Thesis\*** This requirement must be fulfilled at Washington University One of the 400 level classes must be a home-based WGSS class; the second may be either home-based or cross-listed. (Only one 400 level course is required for any class before the Class of 2022.)

\*A 400 level course may also be counted toward other course requirements, please check with your advisor.

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**One course that explores gender, sex or sexuality in historical context or studies the history of these categories.** (courses used to fulfill this requirement must be listed under WGSS)

WGSS 102A First Year Seminar: Gender, Sexuality and Power in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Africa  
 WGSS 2118 Freshman Seminar: Women in Modern Latin America  
 WGSS 2250 Critical Themes in African American History: Sexuality, Violence, and the Love of Hip-Hop  
 WGSS 240 Not Members of the Club: Women and Slaves in the Greco-Roman World  
 WGSS 2401 First Year Seminar: Sex and the Bible  
 WGSS 30GS "I know it When I See It." A History of Obscenity & Pornography in the United States  
 WGSS 301U Historical Methods – US History (Friedman; last taught Spring 2021)  
 WGSS 3002 Feminist Fire! Radical Black Women in the 20th Century  
 WGSS 3003 Writing Intensive in Ancient Studies: Helen of Troy in Greece and Rome  
 WGSS 3026 Women and Crime in the Evolution of American History  
 WGSS 3041 Making Sex and Gender  
 WGSS 310 From Hysteria to Hysterectomy: Women's Health Care in America  
 WGSS 3101 Intellectual History of Sex and Gender  
 WGSS 312W Topics in American and English Literature: Thirty Years of Queer  
 WGSS 3121 Girls Fiction: From Little Goody Two Shoes to Nancy Drew  
 WGSS 313A Dreams  
 WGSS 3130 Sexuality in Early Christianity  
 WGSS 3132 Community Engaged Learning: Girls' Studies  
 WGSS 3133 Community Engaged Learning: Feminist and Queer Youth Studies  
 WGSS 3141 The Racial and Sexual Politics of Public Health  
 WGSS 3152 Sex and Gender in Greco-Roman Antiquity  
 WGSS 3153 The Women of Greek Tragedy  
 WGSS 3172 Queer Histories  
 WGSS 3173 Community Engaged Learning: Documenting the Queer Past in St. Louis  
 WGSS 3180 Abuse Crisis in Modern Christianity  
 WGSS 3226 A Rainbow Thread: A History of Queer Identities in Judaism and Islam  
 WGSS 327C Gender & Lit History: Early Modern Women Writers  
 WGSS 330A Native American/Euro-American Encounters: Confrontations of Bodies and Beliefs  
 WGSS 330S Topics in Gender and American Culture  
 WGSS 335A Sexuality in the Hebrew Bible WGSS  
 WGSS 3413 Women in Modern Europe  
 WGSS 3416 War, Genocide and Gender in Modern Europe  
 WGSS 345A Sexual Politics in Film Noir and Hard-Boiled Literature  
 WGSS 348 Revolutionize It! Second Wave Feminism and the Struggle for a Radical Movement (Formally titled: Rethinking the 'Second Wave')  
 WGSS 354 No Boys Allowed: Girlhood and Programming for Girls in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries, US  
 WGSS 3548 Gender, Sexuality and Communism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe  
 WGSS 3563 Queering the History of Health  
 WGSS 359 Women in Modern European History  
 WGSS 361 Women in Social Movements

WGSS 366 Case: Sexuality, Race, and Globalization  
 WGSS 369A Reading Sex in Pre-modern England: Medieval Sexualities  
 WGSS 3751 Topics in Women's History  
 WGSS 3752 Women in American History  
 WGSS 38A8 Women, Men, and Gender in Africa  
 WGSS 3820 Writing Women of Imperial China  
 WGSS 385A Topics in Jewish Studies: Gender and Sexuality in the Hebrew Bible  
 WGSS 389 The Global History of HIV/AIDS  
 WGSS 389A Furies and Die-Hards: Women in Rebellion and War  
 WGSS 39F8 Gender and Sexuality in 1950s America: Writing Intensive Seminar  
 WGSS 39SC Imperialism and Sexuality: Indian, South Asia, and the World  
 WGSS 396 Gender and Social Class  
 WGSS 3988 Gender and Sexuality in 1950s America  
 WGSS 408A Nuns  
 WGSS 4101 Medieval English Literature; Medieval Women's Writing  
 WGSS 411 Topics in Christianity: Women and Religion in Medieval Europe  
 WGSS 414 Gender, Religion, Medicine and Science  
 WGSS 4154 Decolonization to Globalization: How to End an Empire  
 WGSS 4231 Topics in American Literature: Whitman, Dickinson, and the Trouble with Normal  
 WGSS 455 Topics in Korean Literature and Culture: Gender in Korean Film and Literature  
 WGSS 4551 Intersectional Identities in Medieval France  
 WGSS 4601 The Shaping of Modern Literature: Queer Historical Fiction  
 WGSS 4700 Ancient Greek and Roman Gynecology  
 WGSS 475 Reformers and Radicals: Feminist Thinking through History (prior Intellectual History of Feminisms)  
 WGSS 491A Topics in Japanese: Popular Culture and the Literary Imagination in Early Modern Japan  
 WGSS 4918 Advanced Seminar: Sexuality in the United States  
 WGSS 49RJ Gender, Sexuality and the Body in Latin America  
 WGSS 49SC Incredible India!  
 WGSS 4990 History of the Body  
 WGSS 4993 Advanced Seminar: Women and Religion in Medieval Europe

**One course that considers gender and ethnicity or gender and race or**

**gender in a global context.** (courses used to fulfill this requirement must be listed under WGSS)

WGSS 102A Gender, Sexuality and Power in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Africa  
 WGSS 104 Gender, Sexuality and Settler Colonialism  
 WGSS 171 Women's Writing from the Indian Subcontinent  
 WGSS 2001 Doctors and Terrorists: The Fictions of South Asian America  
 WGSS 207 Constructions of Black Womanhood & Manhood in the Black Community  
 WGSS 2118 Freshman Seminar: Women in Modern Latin America  
 WGSS 2231 Cross-Cultural Women Playwrights  
 WGSS 2232 Gender and Sexuality in the African Diaspora  
 WGSS 2250 Critical Themes in African American Women's History  
 WSSS 270A Sophomore Seminar: Globalization and its Discontents  
 WGSS 280A Sex in Italian Culture and Media  
 WGSS 301A The Politics of Kanye: Performance of a Wild Genius  
 WGSS 302A Black Feminist Theory  
 WGSS 3002 Feminist Fire! Radical Black Women in the 20th Century  
 WGSS 3014 Queering Citizenship  
 WGSS 3051 Indigenous Feminisms  
 WGSS 3080 "Topics in Asian American Literature: Gender and Sexuality in American Asian Lit."  
 WGSS 312 Globalization and Gender  
 WGSS 3141 The Racial and Sexual Politics of Public Health  
 WGSS 3152 Sex and Gender in Greco-Roman Antiquity  
 WGSS 3153 Women and Greek Tragedy  
 WGSS 3181 Gender, Sexuality and Power in Brazil  
 WGSS 319A The Body in Brazil: Race, Representation, Ontologies  
 WGSS 3201 Gender, Culture and Madness  
 WGSS 3226 A Rainbow Thread: A History of Queer Identities in Judaism and Islam  
 WGSS 325A Selected American Writers:  
 Toni Morrison  
 WGSS 3255 Black Masculinities: From Slavery to Hip-Hop Dreams  
 WGSS 330S Topics in Gender and American Culture  
 WGSS 3323 Women and Islam  
 WGSS 340 Israeli Women Writers  
 WGSS 3416 War, Genocide and Gender in Modern Europe  
 WGSS 3420 Masculinity and 20<sup>th</sup> Century African-American Literature  
 WGSS 3445 Sabotage and Anarchy: The Study of Power, Mourning, and Resistance in Black Girlhood  
 WGSS 350B Topics: Global Italy: Race, Gender, and Migration and Citizenship  
 WGSS 3508 Female Writers of the Hispanic Caribbean  
 WGSS 3548 Gender, Sexuality and Communism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe  
 WGSS 3551 Gender in Korean Film and Literature  
 WGSS 357B Gender and Politics in Global Perspective  
 WGSS 358C Literature in Translation: Women's Writing  
 WGSS 359C Women in Modern European History  
 WGSS 3560 Black Women Writers  
 WGSS 360A The Traffic in Women and European Cinema

WGSS 362A Islam, Gender, Sexuality  
 WGSS 364 Gender, War, and Migration  
 WGSS 365A Topics in Modern Japanese Literature: Mirrors and Masks: Gender and Sexuality in Japanese Literature  
 WGSS 366 Caste: Sexuality, Race, and Globalization  
 WGSS 371 Confronting Capitalism: Feminism, Work, and Solidarity  
 WGSS 3820 Writing Women of Imperial China  
 WGSS 383 Topics in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: Spectacular Blackness, Race Gender & Visual Culture  
 WGSS 383A Topics in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: Sex in the City: Gender, Sexuality and the Urban Landscape  
 WGSS 3861 Psychology of Black Women  
 WGSS 389 The Global History of HIV/AIDS  
 WGSS 38A8 Women, Men, and Gender in Africa  
 WGSS 39SC Imperialism and Sexuality: India, South Asia, and the World  
 WGSS 406A Sexual Health and The City  
 WGSS 409 Gender, Sexuality, and Change in Africa  
 WGSS 4013 Queer of Color Critique  
 WGSS 4134 The AIDS Epidemic  
 WGSS 4154 Decolonization to Globalization: How to End an Empire  
 WGSS 416 The Politics of Pleasure  
 WGSS 418 Sexuality and Gender in East Asia: The Body in Daoism  
 WGSS 418C Gender & Sexuality in East Asian Religions  
 WGSS 4231 White American Masculinities  
 WGSS 432 Italian Women Writers  
 WGSS 437 Transnational Feminisms  
 WGSS 4401 Intersectionality  
 WGSS 441A Gender Analysis for International Affairs  
 WGSS 445A Meiji Women Writers (Writing Intensive)  
 WGSS 4494 Modern Japanese Writers  
 WGSS 4496 Modern Japanese Women Writers  
 WGSS 455 Topics in Korean Literature: Gender in Korean Literature and Film  
 WGSS 457 Gender and Modernity in Latin America  
 WGSS 4601 Taboo: Contesting Race, Sexuality and Violence in American Cinema  
 WGSS 4675 Beyond the Harem: Women, Gender, and Revolution in the Modern Middle East  
 WGSS 4720 Race, Religion, and Justice  
 WGSS 480 Gender and Sexuality in Buddhism  
 WGSS 482 Women in the Chinese Literary Tradition  
 WGSS 483 Gender and Genre  
 WGSS 487A Discourse on Gender in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Spain  
 WGSS 491A Topics in Japanese Popular Culture and the Literary Imagination in Early Modern Japan  
 WGSS 49MB Advanced Seminar: Women and Gender in Modern Caribbean History  
 WGSS 49RJ Gender, Sexuality and the Body in Latin America  
 WGSS 49SC Incredible India!  
 WGSS 4993 Advanced Seminar: Women and Religion in Medieval Europe

## General WGSS Education Credits

WGSS 103 Freshman Seminar: Sex and Gender in the Gutter: An Intro to Gender and Sexuality through Comics  
 WGSS 205 Intro to Queer Studies  
 WGSS 206 Sexuality and the State: Intro to Sexuality Studies WGSS 214C Intro to Women's Texts  
 WGSS 2172 Focus: Women in Science  
 WGSS 270 Women, Art, and Culture: From Early Modern to Contemporary  
 WGSS 3012 Gender and Politics  
 WGSS 303 Gender in Education  
 WGSS 3032 Music and Queer Performance  
 WGSS 304 Sex, Gender and Popular Culture  
 WGSS 308 Masculinities  
 WGSS 310A The Politics of Reproduction  
 WGSS 3103 Sex and Money: Economies of Desire  
 WGSS 315E Topics: Queer Love in Public  
 WGSS 316 Feminist Health Studies  
 WGSS 3290 American Religion, Law, and Sexual Politics  
 WGSS 3221 Girls' Media and Popular Culture  
 WGSS 323A Sex Trafficking  
 WGSS 332 Feminist Philosophy  
 WGSS 3410 Gender and Society  
 WGSS 3522 Topics in Literature: Feminist Science Fiction: Reproduction, Death, and the Beyond  
 WGSS 3522 Topics in Literature: Cleopatra in Elizabethan England  
 WGSS 3561 Law, Gender, and Justice  
 WGSS 360 Trans Studies  
 WGSS 3622 Women, Health, and Media  
 WGSS 3666 Women and Film  
 WGSS 368 Contemporary Women Directors  
 WGSS 393 Gender Violence  
 WGSS 3943 Domestic Violence Court Projects (1 credit)  
 WGSS 4018 Seminar in Video Games: Video Games, Gender, and Sexuality  
 WGSS 406A Sexual Health and the City: A Community Based Learning Course  
 WGSS 4104 Topics in Anthropology: Archaeology of Sex and Gender  
 WGSS 4112 Body and Flesh: Theorizing Embodiment  
 WGSS 4212 Work, Family, and Gender Inequality in the Contemporary US  
 WGSS 425A Video Games, Gender, and Sexuality  
 WGSS 427 Technology and Feminist Practice: Gender Violence Prevention Tools  
 WGSS 433A Performing Gender & Sexuality in America  
 WGSS 4331 Topics in the Philosophy of Feminism  
 WGSS 4363 Sex, Gender, and Power  
 WGSS 461A Topics in English Literature: Queer Youth: LGBTQ Narratives Coming-of-Age and Coming Out in North America  
 WGSS 481 Selected English Writers I: Virginia Woolf: Novelist and Feminist

Classes that count toward the major should be registered under WGSS(L77).

A single course may not fulfill the historical context and the ethnicity, race, global categories. In other words, one may not double count a class even if it is listed in both categories.

Students may transfer up to 9 credit hours from study abroad from approved Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies courses.

Students may transfer up to 6 credit hours from another university; however, these classes will be considered general education credits.

Pass/fail credits may not count toward the major, even WGSS Internships.

To count for major credit, one must earn a C- or above; however, Arts and Sciences will only grant credit for a writing intensive class if a student earns at least a C+

## **Optional WGSS Major Concentrations**

A student majoring in WGSS may choose one of the following two tracks within the major if the student's interests lie within these areas. The tracks do not require additional courses; rather, the courses outlined in each track fulfill the WGSS requirements through a concentration of courses in one of the two tracks. One class can double-count for two of the following requirements. Only six credits may be taken at the 100- or 200-level.

### **Politics Concentration**

#### **Intro (3 credits, required by all majors)**

WGSS 100B Introduction to WGSS - You must file a copy of a paper from this course with the WGSS office (McMillan Hall, Room 210).

#### **Race/Ethnicity/Politics (3 credits; Choose one. These courses can also be electives.)**

WGSS 3002 Feminist Fire! Radical Black Women in the 20th Century  
 WGSS 357B Gender and Politics in Global Perspective  
 WGSS 383A Topics in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: Sex in the City Gender, Sexuality, and the Urban Landscape  
 WGSS 39SC Imperialism and Sexuality: India, South Asia, and the World  
 WGSS 421 From Mammy to the Welfare Queen: African American Women Theorize Identity  
 WGSS 437 Transnational Feminisms  
 WGSS 4401 Intersectionality  
 WGSS 475 Reformers and Radicals: Feminist Thinking through History

#### **Sexuality and Politics (3 credits; Choose one. These courses can also be electives.)**

WGSS 206 Sexuality and the State  
 WGSS 3014 Queering Citizenship  
 WGSS 3103 Sex and Money: Economies of Desire  
 WGSS 3141 The Racial and Sexual Politics of Public Health  
 WGSS 3172 Queer Histories  
 WGSS 3290 American Religion, Law, and Sexual Politics  
 WGSS 323A Sex Trafficking  
 WGSS 383 Sex and the City: Sexuality and Urban Landscape  
 WGSS 406A Sexual Health and The City

#### **One non-U.S. course (3 credits; Choose one)**

WGSS 312 Globalization and Gender  
 WGSS 3416 War, Gender, and Genocide in Modern Europe  
 WGSS 3548 Gender, Sexuality and Communism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe  
 WGSS 362A Islam, Gender, and Sexuality  
 WGSS 39SC Imperialism and Sexuality: India, South Asia, and the World  
 WGSS 437 Transnational Feminisms  
 WGSS 49SC Incredible India!

#### **Theory (3 credits; Choose one)**

WGSS 3203 Bodies Out of Bounds: Feminist and Queer Disability Studies  
 WGSS 371 Confronting Capitalism: Feminism, Work, and Solidarity  
 WGSS 4013 Queer of Color Critique

WGSS 4102 Everyday Unruliness: Feminist and Queer Resistance  
 WGSS 421 From Mammy to the Welfare Queen African American Women Theorize Identity  
 WGSS 429 Feminist Political Theory WGSS  
 WGSS 4350 Queer and Feminist Geographies  
 WGSS 437 Transnational Feminisms

### **History (3 credits)**

Your choice from the WGSS course offerings in this area.

### **Methods (3 credits)**

WGSS 3174 Community Engaged Learning: Feminist and Queer Community Praxis  
 WGSS 417W Feminist and Queer Research Methodologies  
 WGSS 444 Sex and Gender in Public and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester - WGSS 444B (Please note: this is a 1.5 credit course that meets once a week both semesters in their senior year and will result in a capstone project exploring gender and/ or sexuality and politics broadly conceived.)

### **Electives (6 credits; choose from any WGSS class, but one of the classes listed below is encouraged).**

WGSS 3012 Gender and Politics  
 WGSS 3203 Bodies out of Bounds: Feminist and Queer Disability Studies  
 WGSS 3240 American Religion and the Politics of Gender and Sexuality  
 WGSS 3410 Gender and Society  
 WGSS 348 Revolutionize It! Second Wave Feminism and the Struggle for a Radical Movement  
 WGSS 3561 Law Gender, and Justice  
 WGSS 393 Gender Violence (if you want to take the Community Engaged Service Learning: Projects in Domestic Violence class is required)  
 WGSS 396 Gender and Social Class  
 WGSS 4363 Sex, Gender and Power

**\*\*Please note that 6 credits must be taken at the 400 level**

## **Health Concentration**

### **Intro (3 credits, required by all majors)**

WGSS 100B Introduction to WGSS - You must file a copy of a paper from this course with the WGSS office (McMillan Hall, Room 210).

### **Theory (3 credits, required by all majors)**

WGSS 3203 Bodies Out of Bounds: Feminist and Queer Disability Studies  
 WGSS 3563 Queering the History of Health

### **History (3 credits; choose one)**

WGSS 3041 Making Sex and Gender  
 WGSS 310 From Hysteria to Hysterectomy: Women's Health Care in America  
 WGSS 3141 The Racial and Sexual Politics of Public Health  
 WGSS 414 Gender, Religion, Medicine and Science  
 WGSS 4990 History of the Body

### **Race or Non-US course (3 credits; choose one)**

WGSS 3141 The Racial and Sexual Politics of Public Health  
 WGSS 3201 Gender, Culture and Madness  
 WGSS 389 The Global History of HIV/AIDS  
 WGSS 402 Transnational Reproductive Health Issues



WGSS 406A Sexual Health and The City  
WGSS 4134 The AIDS Epidemic

**Required Health Electives (3 credits; choose one)**

WGSS 316 Feminist Health Studies  
WGSS 360 Trans Studies  
WGSS 393 Gender Violence

**Methods (3 credits; choose one):**

WGSS 3174 Community Engaged Learning: Feminist and Queer Community Praxis  
WGSS 3942 Community Engaged Learning: Projects in Domestic Violence  
WGSS 417W Feminist and Queer Research Methodologies  
WGSS 444 and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester - WGSS 444B Sex and Gender in Public (Please note: this is a 1.5 credit course that meets once a week both semesters in their senior year and will result in a capstone project exploring gender and/ or sexuality and politics broadly conceived.)

**Other Electives (9 credits; choose from any WGSS classes)**

WGSS 3622 Women, Health, and Media

**\*\*Please note that 6 credits must be taken at the 400 level**