Description of the Certificate:

The Certificate in the Study of Women, Genders, and Sexualities is a 24-unit interdisciplinary course of study that engages students in critical thinking about social categories of gender, sex, and sexuality, particularly as they intersect with other social categories integral to the construction of gender, sex, and sexuality including race, ethnicity, class, and nation. Building upon the historical foundation of scholarship in Women's Studies, the Certificate in the Study of Women, Genders, and Sexualities provides a space for inquiry regarding the social construction, lived experience, and politics of representation of bodies in a variety of social, cultural, historical, and political contexts. The Certificate in the Study of Women, Genders, and Sexualities provides students with "core" knowledge about women, genders, and sexualities from a theoretical, multicultural, and historical perspective while also allowing students to select from elective courses across the disciplines to meet their own research, career, and educational goals.

The Certificate in the Study of Women, Genders, and Sexualities is comprised of a total of 24 units in required and elective courses. Applicants with a baccalaureate degree and a 2.5 GPA in their last 90 quarter units will be eligible for admission to the certificate program. Once accepted, students will be required to develop a plan of study in consultation with an advisor. There are no other prerequisites for admission to the program, but WOMN 400 requires the completion of WOMN 200 or comparable coursework. Some electives may also require prerequisites.

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Requirements for the Certificate (24 units):

Required Courses (12 units)

WOMN 400 Women's and Gender Studies: Theories and Methods (4)
WOMN 500 Integrative Seminar in the Study of Women, Genders, and Sexualities (4)

Select One:
CHS 480 Chicana Feminisms and Women’s Movements (4)
CHS/LAS/WOMN 482 Women’s Movements in Latin America (4)
HIST 459 Sexuality in the Americas
PAS 405 Black Feminism and Womanism

Electives (Three courses from the following and may include courses not selected to fulfill the requirement above):

Electives (8 units)

CHS 480 Chicana Feminisms and Women's Movements (4)
CHS/LAS/WOMN 482 Women’s Movements in Latin American (4)
HIST 450 Special Studies in History (if topic appropriate: advisor approval required) (4)
HIST 459 Sexuality in the Americas (4)
HIST 485 US Women to 1877 (4)
HIST 486 US Women 1877 to Present (4)
KIN/WOMN 441 Gender, Sports, and Culture (4)
PAS 405 Black Feminism (4)
PAS 406 Black Women Leaders in Thought and Politics (4)
PAS 412 Third World Women and Development (4)
POLS 442 American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights (4)
PSY 419 Psychology of Sex Roles (4)
SOC/WOMN 416 Feminist Theories and Contemporary Society (4)
SOC 441 Theory and Research on Sex Roles (4)
SOC 443 Diversity in Alternative Families (4)
COMM 475 Feminism and Communication (4)
COMM 479 Sex Roles in Communication (4)
ENGL 453 Modern Women Writers (4)
ENGL 470 American Women Writers (4)
LBS 454 Special Topics in Liberal Studies (when relevant subject; pre-approval of advisor required) (4)
PHIL/WOMN 413 Issues in Feminist Philosophy (4)
WOMN 454 Special Topics in Women's Studies (4)
WOMN 491 Proseminar: Women’s Studies (1-4)
WOMN 499 Undergraduate Directed Study (1-8)

Select three additional courses from the lists above. Courses should be selected to concentrate in a specific area of interest. WOMN courses and other special topics courses not listed above can be used as electives or placed in the categories above (as appropriate to subject matter) with the approval of a Women's and Gender Studies advisor.

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**PROGRAM FORM:**

This form should be completed and signed by the Women’s and Gender Studies Program Advisor who will submit the student’s application for a Certificate when the course of study is close to completion. Students must consult with the Women’s and Gender Studies advisor when selecting electives.

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