

Program Form for the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Effective Fall 2016

Description of the Certificate:

The Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is a 15-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 Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 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 Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 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 Post Baccalaureate Certificate in the Study of Women, Genders, and Sexualities is comprised of a total of 15 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 WGSS 4000 requires the completion of WGSS 2000 or comparable coursework. Some electives may also require prerequisites.

To begin a program toward the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, see the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program Director:

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Requirements for the Certificate (15 units):

Core Required Courses (9 units)

WGSS 4000 Power/Knowledge and Research Justice in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (3)

WGSS 5000 Graduate Seminar in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (3)

Select One of the following for the Multicultural/Transnational Requirement. Courses not taken to fulfill this requirement may be taken as electives:

WGSS 4290/CLS 4290 Chicana Feminism: History, Theory, Praxis (3)

WGSS 4480/ANTH 4480 Sexuality and Gender Diversity in Global Perspective (3)

WGSS 4650/LAS 4650 Gender, Sexuality and Transnational Migration (3)

WGSS 4710 Global Feminisms (3)

WGSS 4722/AAAS 4722 Gender, Sexuality, and Asian American Communities (3)

WGSS 4820/LAS 4820 Latin American Women's Movements (3)

PAS 4120 Third World Women and Development (3)

