Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Washington University offers a Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) for students in AM or PhD programs who wish to enhance their disciplinary studies with a concentration in gender and sexuality studies. The certificate offers students opportunities to meet and work with faculty and graduate students in departments throughout Arts & Sciences and the professional schools who do research on women, gender, and sexuality. It prepares students for job opportunities within women, gender, and sexuality studies programs as well as within their home disciplines. Graduate certificate students are invited to participate in a variety of events, including special guest lectures and workshops, conferences, the WGSS Colloquium Series, faculty searches, the WGSS newsletter Gender Spectrum, and informal gatherings. The program sponsors a graduate certificate workshop providing both professional development and a place where graduate students share their work with others interested in feminist and gender-oriented scholarship.

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies also offers certificate students the opportunity to observe and then design and teach sections of introductory courses in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. PhD students in Anthropology, Comparative Literature, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Education, English, German, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Romance Languages and Literatures have served as joint teaching assistants in this program. Participating students are equipped to offer both disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarly and teaching expertise to hiring institutions. Interacting with faculty in the program and participating in the joint teaching program provide students with a rich repertoire of pedagogical skills, scholarly opportunities, professional development, and collaborative experiences.

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**Degree Requirements**

Graduate students interested in the certificate should apply for it after consulting both their departmental Director of Graduate Studies and the certificate program director. The certificate requires the completion of five graduate-level courses, at least two of which must be drawn from home-based Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies course offerings.