DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES

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The Program

The Women’s and Gender Studies (https://www.towson.edu/cla/departments/womengender) major is interdisciplinary; it offers students the opportunity to study the status and roles of women as individuals and as members of society and how these statuses and roles are shaped by social, political and cultural forces. Courses emphasize both commonalities among women and differences according to race, ethnicity, class and sexuality.

The major consists of 39 total units:

- 6 units of required courses
- 3 units of a culminating experience
- 12 units in a selected focus area, 6 units of which must be departmental WMST courses
- 18 units wherein majors take 6 units in each of the three focus areas other than the one selected

The Women’s and Gender Studies major is structured to provide students with both breadth (through the distribution requirement) and depth (through the selection of a focus area). The focus areas are curricular/career paths that allow students to develop expertise in a particular area. The culminating experience provides students the opportunity to integrate the knowledge acquired in their courses and to apply this knowledge to real world problems.

The following Women’s and Gender Studies (WMST) courses and affiliate courses offered by other departments are currently in the curriculum. Any course can only count toward one focus area. Some courses fulfill Core Curriculum requirements.

Transfer Credit Policy

All Women’s and Gender Studies majors must complete a minimum of 18 units toward the major at Towson University, with at least 12 units at the upper (300–400) level.

All Women’s and Gender Studies minors must complete a minimum of 12 units toward the minor at Towson University, with at least 9 units at the upper (300–400) level.

Honors Program in Women’s and Gender Studies

Honors work is available to students with a Women’s and Gender Studies major. Interested students may consult the chair of Women’s and Gender Studies for information, preferably during their sophomore year. See information on the Honors College elsewhere in this catalog.

Other Opportunities for Students

The Department of Women’s and Gender Studies provides speakers from the university or off campus, from time to time.

In alternate years, the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies awards the Guess Scholarship for achievement in writing. Women’s and Gender Studies students are also encouraged to take advantage of the Women’s Center (University Union 311) and the Women in Science Center (Smith Hall).

- Major in Women’s and Gender Studies (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender)
- Accelerated B.S./M.S. in Women’s Studies (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/womens-gender-studies/combined-bachelor-master-womens-studies)
- Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-minor)