WHY PURSUE
Critical Culture,
Gender and
Race Studies
AT WSU VANCOUVER?

The Department of Critical Culture, Gender and Race Studies at WSU Vancouver offers an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the human experience. Courses explore the influence of class, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, age and ability in shaping character, behavior and history.

CCGRS emerges out of social movements and intellectual currents that question political and ideological models. Emphasizing the importance of marginalized perspectives and experiences, courses emphasize student-centered, active learning. Students gain valuable skills in writing, critical thinking, research, public presentation and leadership, while developing a comprehensive understanding of power structures, historical conditions and social locations.

The department offers a minor in women’s studies. The program can complement many majors, and may be used as a secondary concentration for bachelor’s degrees in humanities or social sciences.

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“Sexual, racial, gender violence and other forms of discrimination and violence in a culture cannot be eliminated without changing culture.”
—CHARLOTTE BUNCH

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Minor in Women’s Studies

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Women’s studies

Rooted in scholarship and activism, women’s studies is an interdisciplinary field that places gender at the center of inquiry. Central to the consideration of gender are the ways class, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, age and ability shape the human experience.

Students learn how gendered social roles affect personal lives, artistic expression, work, social relationships, institutional structures, the production of knowledge, and national and international political and economic relations.

The minor requires at least 16 credit hours in women’s studies courses.

Advantages of a Women’s Studies minor:

- Complements skills gained in major disciplines
- Provides a systematic knowledge of the multidisciplinary scholarship about gender and by women and other gender minorities
- Encourages thinking and communicating critically and analytically
- Enhances the qualifications for working in today’s diverse workplaces

“Gender equality is more than a goal in itself. It is a precondition for meeting the challenge of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance.”

—KOFI ANNAN

Careers

We live in a globalized village where everyday life requires knowledge of diverse ways of life and value systems.

Increasing numbers of transnational corporations, local businesses, law firms, graduate schools and service organizations now require prospective employees to be conversant with, and critically conscious of, the challenges of a culturally diverse environment.

In addition, employers are increasingly aware that they need to address gender and diversity within the workplace. Women’s studies students stand out as applicants who are trained to address these issues.

Women’s studies graduates work as community leaders and managers in international business, government and nonprofit sectors. Many pursue graduate or professional degrees in a variety of fields, including law, social work, justice studies and gender studies.

Skills you can market with a minor in women’s studies:

- Analysis of social systems
- Ability to think and plan locally and globally
- Time management and organization
- Effective written and oral communication
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Ability to work independently or as a team member
- Primary and secondary research skills

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