



ACCELERATED MASTERS DEGREE WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

Interdisciplinary Studies

Combining research, teaching, and activism focusing on the intersections among gender, sexuality, race and class.

Program Highlights

Students, faculty and staff find a welcoming home in the Women and Gender Studies (WGST) concentration that supports their work and personal development, both inside and outside the classroom. WGST is dedicated to the merging of research, teaching, and activism. Our students take required coursework in feminist and queer theory, critical race theory, and transnational and global feminisms. Elective course offerings in WGST include African American women's history, disability studies, gender and health, human rights, immigration, sexuality and globalization, black psychology, and ecofeminism.

Successful students come from all walks of life and backgrounds, with a desire to merge their interests in the intersections among gender, sexuality, race and class with coursework in a discipline of interest such as history, literature, sociology, anthropology, health, education, philosophy, social work, conflict analysis and resolution, or the arts.

WGST students regularly complete internships with a variety of DC-area organizations that support trans and queer communities, sex workers, women, and immigrants. Recent students have completed internships devoted to addressing gender inequality, youth unemployment, disability advocacy, and women's human rights, at places such as:

- American Association of University Women
- Fairfax County Office of Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services
- The World Bank, and in a range of public service activities devoted to addressing gender inequality, youth unemployment, disability advocacy, and women's human rights.

For the most up-to-date accelerated masters application and degree requirements visit:

mais.gmu.edu/prospective/for-undergraduates

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Degree Requirements - 36 Total Credits

WMST 630 Feminist Theories – 3 Credits

WMST 640 Transnational Issues of Gender and Race – 3 Credits

WMST 610 Feminist Approaches to Social Research – 3 Credits

Course on Race and Intersectionality (chosen from a selection of courses) – 3 credits

Course on Queer and Sexuality Studies (chosen from a selection of courses) – 3 credits

Elective Courses - 15 Credits

- Choose from courses that address the study of women and gender and that are not part of the core focus. Three of these credits must be in a WMST course from a list of selected courses.

MAIS 793 Integrated Learning Experience – 3 Credits

Capstone Project or Thesis – 3 Credits

Accelerated Masters Classes

Advanced Standing Courses

Up to 12 credits, with a minimum grade of B in each; courses listed are 3 credits unless otherwise noted

WMST 504 Gender, Sexuality, and Disability

WMST 602 Queer Theory

WMST 608 Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights

WMST 610 Feminist Research Methods

WMST 630 Feminist Theories

WMST 640 Transnational Issues of Gender and Race

Reserve Graduate Credit Courses

Up to 6 credits, taken while an undergraduate, and will only apply to the graduate degree program

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WMST 602 Queer Theory

WMST 608 Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights

WMST 610 Feminist Research Methods

WMST 630 Feminist Theories

WMST 640 Transnational Issues of Gender and Race

MAIS: A Master's With A Mission

The Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) program in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences consists of multiple established degree paths that exist in partnership with academic units and faculty across the University. It offers a home for students with broad academic interests who seek a master's degree to help them to create a better world. While their degree paths may vary dramatically, our students share a desire to address critical problems facing the world today.

Available Degree Paths

Computational Social Science – Energy and Sustainability
Individualized Studies – Religious Studies – Social Entrepreneurship
Social Justice and Human Rights – War and the Military in Society
Women and Gender Studies