

## Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies

### Mission Statement

The Women's and Gender Studies Program at Coastal Carolina University is dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of gender and its intersections with other identity markers such as sexuality, race, class, nationality, and ability/ disability as economic, political, and cultural constructs. It celebrates diversity, acknowledges women's accomplishments, conditions, and contributions, and highlights the ideologies implicit in women's places in societies both in the U.S. and internationally. The B.A. in Women's and Gender Studies rigorously investigates the gendered nature of knowledge, institutions, and cultures to promote experiential learning, engaged citizenship, and social justice among all students—no matter their gender identity or other characteristics. Using gender as a critical lens across disciplines, the B.A. in Women's and Gender Studies proposes innovative ways of understanding human experience and empowering CCU students to become productive, responsible, healthy citizens with a global perspective.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Identify the intersecting nature of our identities (gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, ability, nationality, etc.) and analyze how those intersections affect different communities' experiences with privilege and oppression.
2. Employ interdisciplinary and feminist methodologies to think critically about social systems, inequalities, and effective ways to implement change.
3. Demonstrate information literacy to investigate solutions to contemporary social issues and articulate their findings convincingly in various forms of communication;
4. Contribute to their own and other communities' thriving in a diverse and global world through experiential learning projects.

### Degree Requirements (120 credits)

- I. **Core Curriculum Requirements** (38-40 total credit hours)
- II. **Graduation Requirements** (3-7+ credits)
- III. **Foundation Course** (3 credit hours)  
Minimum grade of 'C' is required for all foundation requirements.

WGST 103Q\* Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies 3

- IV. **Major Requirements** (36 credit hours)  
Minimum grade of 'C' is required for all major requirements.

Required Courses (15 credit hours)

WGST 310Q Women and Allies in Action 3  
WGST 301Q Women of Color 3  
WGST 401 Feminist Theories 3  
WGST 498Q\* Capstone Seminar 3  
WGST 495 Women's and Gender Studies Internship 3

Women's and Gender Studies Electives (12 credit hours)

*(Choose at least four of the below elective courses, totaling a minimum of 12 credit hours)*

WGST 302 Special Topics in Cultural Studies	1-3
WGST 303Q Water and Women	3
WGST 305Q Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality in Popular Culture	3
WGST 315 Special Topics in Sexuality	3
WGST 318 Women and Social Movements	3
WGST 325Q Civic Engagement	3
WGST 350Q Feminist Eco-Science and Technology Workshop	3
WGST 399 Independent Study	1-3
WGST 402 Gender and Sexuality in German and Austrian Culture	3
WGST 410 Feminism and Technology	3
WGST 411 Women and Work	3

Disciplinary Electives (9 credit hours)

*(Choose three of the below elective courses)*

COMM 304 Gender Communication	3
COMM 345 Communication Activism	3
ENGL 351 Language, Gender and Power	3
ENGL 489 Gender and Sexuality in Literature	3
HIST 403Q* Gender and Sexuality in the Early Church, c. 30-600 CE	3
HIST 451 History of Modern Medicine and the Body	3
PHIL 350 Ethics of Sexuality and Gender	3
POLI 327 Women in the Middle East	3
POLI 372Q* Women and Public Policy	3
PSYC 300 Human Sexual Behavior	3
PSYC 310 Psychology of Women	3
PUBH 440 Gender, Culture, Literacy and Disparities in Health	3
PUBH 480 Women's Health Issues	3
RSM 201 Gender and Sport	3
SOC 300Q* Social Justice	3
SOC 301 Gender and Society	3
THEA 321Q* Applied Theater	3

V. **Cognate or Minor Requirement** (18-21 credit hours)

Students will be advised to choose a cognate (courses at the 300 or 400-level) or a minor with a focus on gender issues that supports their career plans and interests. If students choose to double major, this requirement will be waived.

VI. **Electives** (13-22 credit hours)

Students will be advised to choose electives that support their career plans and interests.

**Total Credits Required: 120 Credits**