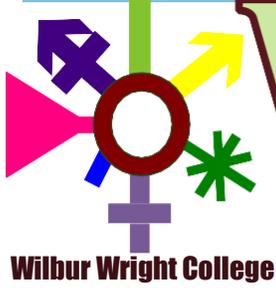


## 1-Page Designation Overview



# Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

## Mission

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Designation seeks to **radically improve equity and social justice for all** people by analyzing and **interrogating ideology, power structures, and oppression** through intersectional feminist and queer lenses. The program applies an **intersectional, interdisciplinary, and inclusive** framework to its coursework, pedagogy, and praxis; values **diverse modes of intellectual development** and knowledge generation; and **promotes community development** through education, art, dialogue, service, activism, and engagement.

## Questions?

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### What is the WGSS Designation?

It is a collection of four courses that provide students the opportunity to engage in academic scholarship from non-traditional or marginalized perspectives. For example, students may take a philosophy class that spends time on the theories of female, queer, or LatinX philosophers, who are often overlooked.

### What Are WGSS Courses Like?

WGSS courses are unique because the readings and assignments will engage in WGSS topics, themes, or authors for at least 50% of the class. Also, instructors have deep commitment to the WGSS mission, a strong background in the WGSS discipline, and incorporate feminist, queer, or social justice pedagogy in their classrooms. Students are expected to be active, engaged participants in the classroom community.

### What WGSS Classes Do I Have to Take?

To earn a WGSS designation on their transcripts, students must 1) earn a grade of C or better in Humanities 144: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies, 2) earn a C or better in three other WGSS designated courses, and 3) take WGSS courses in at least two different academic disciplines, like English, History, Literature, Sociology, or Philosophy. Students can take WGSS courses in any order. HUM 144 does not have to be completed first.

### How Do I Sign Up for WGSS Classes?

WGSS courses will have the number five (5) as part of their section. For example, Humanities 144:G5 or Philosophy 107:E5. Enroll in these courses as you would any credit course.

### Are WGSS Classes Just for Women or LGBTQ+ People?

No! These courses are for everyone. WGSS courses are optimistic in finding equity, social justice, and liberation for everyone, which includes making alliances among oppressed and privileged people.

### Why Should I take WGSS Courses?

Students say WGSS courses "transform" their thinking. They ask students to think deeply about systemic issues, like privilege and oppression, but they also challenge students to connect the system to their personal lives, making them extremely relevant.