

Gender Studies

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The Gender Studies Program at UMass Lowell is designed to explore the ways ideas about gender shape our knowledge of the world and our experience of everyday life. Fields of study include Criminal Justice, Cultural Studies, Economics, English, History, Legal Studies Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. These courses are broadly formulated not only to analyze how gender inequality affects the lives of women and men, but also to show how research on gender has transformed the understanding of social institutions, human behavior, cultural expression, and intellectual inquiry. Furthermore, Gender Studies courses explore how gender is a dynamic social construct that intersects with race, class, sexual orientation, age, religion, and culture. In light of the diversity of subjects addressed in the Gender Studies Program, we recommend Gender Studies courses to all students who plan to earn a degree, work for a living, or communicate with others.

- The Gender Studies minor requires 18-24 credits in designated interdisciplinary courses
- 6 credits must be taken at the 300 level or above.
- Gender Studies courses may also be used as a concentration in the Bachelor of Liberal Arts major.
- Students encouraged to take 59.204 or 59.205, Intro to Gender Studies.

Students may take courses within their major and designate them for the Gender Studies Minor provided that the total number of credits in their major does not exceed 45 of the 120 credit minimum required for graduation. Some courses can fulfill both the Gender Studies minor and a General Education requirement – check with your advisor for details.

Criminal Justice

44.360 Gender, Race and Crime

44.477 Intimate Partner Violence

Cultural Studies

50.378 Women in French Cinema

54.335 Spanish Women Writers in Translation

52.330 Italian Women Writers

58.340 Women and Art

English

42.240 Literature and Women

42.241 Women in Film

42.243 Contemporary Women Writers

42.244 Women in the Middle Ages and Renaissance

42.257 Family in Literature

42.335 American Women Novelists

42.345 English Women Novelist

43.207 Women in China

43.270 Women in American History

43.319 Women, Gender, and Science

43.380 Work and Society

43.385 Kennedy Presidential Politics

Legal Studies

41.376 Family Law

41.381 Women and the Law

Music

74.103 Gender Issues in Music

74.455 Women in Music

Philosophy

45.306 Feminist Theory and Politics

Political Science

46.327 Dynamics of Sexual Politics
46.402 Women in Islam
46.225 Gender, Culture, and Politics
46.230 Gender, Work, and Politics
46.320 Gender and Political Theory
46.325 Gender, Law, and Politics
46.330 Topics in the History of Feminist Thought
46.336 Privacy in Politics

Psychology

47.322 Gender, Work, and Family
47.335 Psychology and Women
47.351 Human Sexuality
47.523 Women in the Community (permission of the instructor required)

Regional, Economic, & Social Development

57.353 Managing Workforce Diversity
57.504 Gender Differences at Work

Sociology

48.231 Sociology of the Family
48.242 Intro to Gender Studies
48.305 Sociology of Family Law
48.370 Women in Society
48.410 Seminar: Sex and Gender

Other Interdisciplinary Courses

59.240 Introduction to Gender Studies
59.307 Gender Issues in 19th Century American Literature and Popular Culture
59.308 Gender Issues in 20th Century American Literature and Popular Culture
59.310 Gender Violence in the United States
59.311 Men, Women, and the Military
59.312 Issues in Human Reproduction
59.322 Gender, Work, and Family