

WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Women's Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 (or Honors Equivalent (GWS))*	3 CAS 100 (or Honors Equivalent (GWS))*	3
LA 83	1.5 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
WMNST 100, 106N, or 83S*	3 General Education Course (GH) (US)	3
General Education Course (GQ)*	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GS) (FYS)	3 World Language Level 2	4
World Language Level 1	4	
	17.5	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course (GQ)*	3 WMNST 301N*	3
General Education Course (GA) (IL)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (GS)	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course (GH)	3
	BA Fields	3
	16	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WMNST 400N or 401*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3

WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course (GA)	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D*	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WMNST 494, 495, or 496*	3 WMNST 492W*	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3 Elective	3
World Cultures	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 126

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures.

See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/>).

Advising Notes:

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- This document is only for planning purposes. Most students are "off the plan" after one semester. At the campuses, students may sub WMNST 301N with any WMNST course if not available.
- Students need at least 24 credits in WMNST courses completed at UP due to competency requirements. Campus advisers may make work UP advisers if they have questions about their current students.
- Two general education courses (GQ, GN, GA, GH, GS) must be integrative studies courses (Inter-Domain).
- Depending on placement and proficiency, world language courses may need to be replaced with elective credits.

Women's Studies, B.A. at Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 (or Honors Equivalent (GWS))*	3 CAS 100 (or Honors Equivalent (GWS))*	3
WMNST 100, 106N, or 83S*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
General Education Course (GQ)*	3 General Education Course (GH) (US)	3
General Education Course (GS) (FYS)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
World Language Level 1	4 World Language Level 2	4
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Second Year

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WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 WMNST 301N*	3
General Education Course (GQ)*	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
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LA 283	1.5 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
WMNST 400N or 401*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D*	3
General Education Course (GA)	3 Elective	3
Elective	3	
	16.5	15

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WMNST 494, 495, or 496*	3 WMNST 492W*	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3 Elective	3
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Total Credits 124.5

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