

Women's Studies/Gender Studies Certificate

The certificate program in Women's Studies/Gender Studies is designed to provide understanding and expertise on issues of gender and of women's experience that will enhance students' performance in many career fields, such as human services, education, business, law and health care. The certificate combines a core of academic courses in the humanities and social sciences with a general education foundation and a 20-hour (minimum) service experience. Students completing the certificate may apply courses toward an Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts (general option, humanities option, leadership studies option) or Culture, Science, and Technology.

The service-learning component can be accomplished through any of a number of venues, including course selection, curriculum-related experiences, or through special arrangement with the coordinator of the Women's Studies/Gender Studies program. A list of acceptable courses and experiences are available from the Program Coordinator.

To complete the service-learning component, students write a reflection paper on their experience. The coordinator of the Women's Studies/Gender Studies program will certify that the reflection paper meets the criteria for the Women's Studies/Gender Studies certificate. The paper should demonstrate that the student has developed a deeper understanding of gender issues as a result of the experience of volunteering for an organization that provides services for or that advocates for women and girls.

Recommended Course Sequence	Course Number and Name	Prerequisite or Corequisite	Credits
Program Core Courses and Electives - Women's Studies/Gender Studies Certificate			
2	WS 101 - Introduction to Women's Studies		3
6, 8, 9, 10	Any 4 of the following:		
	ANTH 202 - Gender Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective	ANTH 101 or 112 or SOC 101	3
	ENGL 260 - Women in Literature	ENGL 101	3
	HIST 180 - Women in History		3
	PHIL 202 - Philosophy of Love and Sexuality		3
	PSYC 202 - Human Sexuality	PSYC 101	3
	SOC 212 - Sociology of Marriage and Family	SOC 101	3
	BHHS 151 - Child Abuse and Family Violence		3
	SOC 115 - Women and Men in American Society	ENGL 101	3
General Education Courses (See page 36 for information on disciplines which meet these requirements.)			
1	ENGL 101 - English Composition I		3
3	MATH 118 - Intermediate Algebra or higher ¹		3
4	PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology or SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology		3
5	ENGL 102- English Composition II or ENGL 112 - Report and Technical Writing ²	ENGL 101	3
7	CIS 103 - PC Applications or credit by examination		3

Service Learning Requirement

Students must complete a minimum of 20 hours of an approved service learning experience and complete an approved reflection paper in order to graduate.

Total to Graduate: 30 credits plus service-learning component.

¹ Math 150- Introductory Data Analysis recommended.

² ENGL 102 -Recommended for students seeking a Liberal Arts degree or transfer to some baccalaureate programs. Consult an academic advisor or counselor.

For More Information Contact:

The Division of Liberal Studies, Room BR-21, 1700 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, Telephone 215-751-8450, 8451 or 8771; or the College Information Center, 215-751-8010.

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Students are admitted to the certificate program by applying to the College and selecting the program. Students must complete the placement tests required for all new admissions. Students identified as needing developmental work must satisfactorily complete the appropriate English and mathematics courses as part of their certificate program.

PROGRAM OF STUDY AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Receipt of the certificate is based on completion of a minimum of 30 credits of required courses, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 ("C" average), plus the approval of a reflection paper addressing gender issues related to the 20 hour service learning experience.